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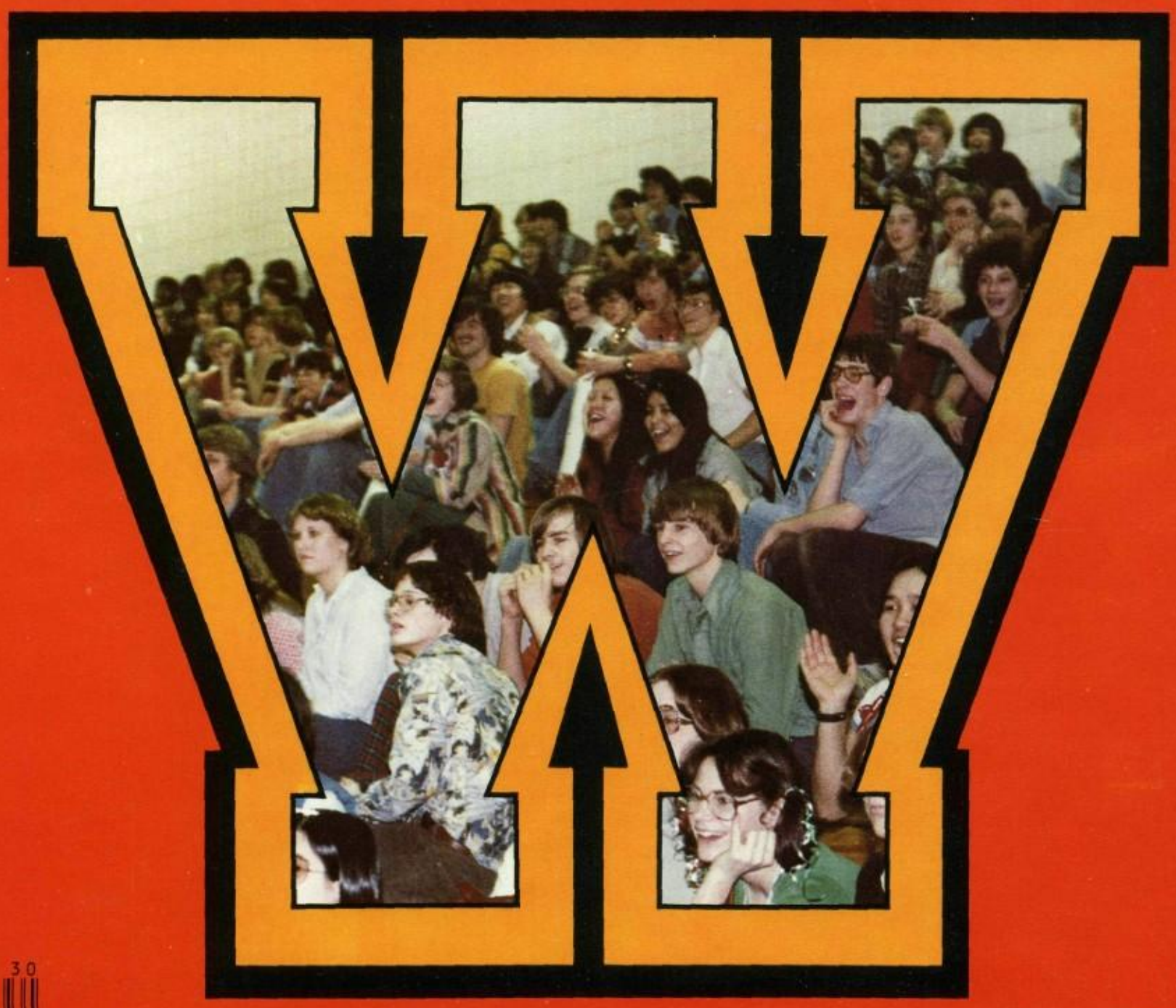

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Thank You

For most people, the four years spent in high school are the last four years spent in formal education. Attitudes toward learning, authority, and other people are developed during these four years and very often stay with a person for the rest of his life. A high school must try to extend a feeling of "belonging" to its entire student body since it is only as strong as those members who attend it. West Valley High School is an amazing success story in terms of accomplishments and attitudes of the student body and faculty. Traditions that normally take years and years to develop already are firmly entrenched in a high school that is just three years old. It is you students who are to be commended for the accomplishments of this school. Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, and your pride.

Don Klepper

Appreciation

Many times it is hard to realize just how fantastic something is until a person is already through with it. There are hectic and hard times, but then there are those which are exciting, memorable, and fun. At the end of every year I look back to the highlights of the year, and the bad times are forgotten. As each year passes, I learn to appreciate West Valley more and more...The appreciation left by each graduating class is in turn handed down to each new entering class so that they, too, might carry on the tradition of making West Valley Number One...Without the enthusiasm of the staff and students, West Valley would not have the great reputation that it has today...I really appreciate West Valley because of the great school that it is.

Renee Dykema '79

Pride

I would like to say thank you to all of the students, faculty, and staff of West Valley for making West Valley what it is. The building still looks brand new; the academic program is one of the best in the state; other schools tremble with fear when meeting West Valley in sports competition; and, finally, West Valley has the most tremendous school spirit of any school around. I'm proud to say that I, too, belong to this great school.

Lori Meier '81

Legacy

Writing down my thoughts about high school is not easy. Trying to complete the sentence "High school is..." is like trying to complete the sentence "Life is..." because for most students the high school is our life for four years. We spend most of our time at school, our responsibilities are centered on school, and our friends and social life are a part of school. Most kids are drilled from kindergarten up that they're not supposed to like school. It took three years of new friends, zany teachers, and having a blast before I said to myself, "You know, compared to working or sitting around doing nothing all day, school really isn't too bad." What's important to me is that when one of my kids asks me about my high school days, I'll be able to say I had a lot of fun in high school.

Mike Flodin '79

MAIL

Associations

I have had a really great time at West Valley, participating in Key Club, a close relationship with faculty and administration, and friendships with a great assortment of people. I have had the opportunity to give service to my school and community through Key Club, and this has taught me leadership and association with others...At West the faculty truly cares about the students, and the administrators think constantly of how to better the students' education...The last thing that makes West the very best is the students. We have people who are tops in both academics and athletics, as well as those who are interested in just making it day by day. All together they give West the greatest group of people anywhere. When I graduate I will be very proud to say that I attended West. West **IS** the best!

Richard Hicks '79

Memories

There are so many memories and thoughts about different aspects of West Valley that I'm not sure where to start...West Valley was so full of experiences—-annoyance, anger, sorrow, and frustration combined with laughter, friendship, triumphs, and even love. Do I miss it? Of course! At times I reminisce about friends and events I hold dear. Would I go back? Never. The memories of West grow rosier with each year that passes, but I've got a new life, things to achieve, and worlds to conquer. And so do you!...All I can offer is an addition to a quotation from the 1977 Aurora — "Toil awhile, Endure awhile, Believe always and Never turn back"—and never give up. Best wishes to the Class of '79.

Sui Len Brown '77

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INSPIRATION
Entire Student Body
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the 1,150 most intriguing people of 1979

This edition of the Aurora annual, which presents the entire school year, truly is a major step for West Valley. The complete yearbook is a trendsetter for the school, city, and state. The Aurora staff would like to give special credit for the inspiration for this publication to the PEOPLE of West Valley. The coverage of events, organizations, activities, atmosphere, and faces of the 1978-1979 school year is dedicated to the people who made it happen—each and every West Valley student and staff member.

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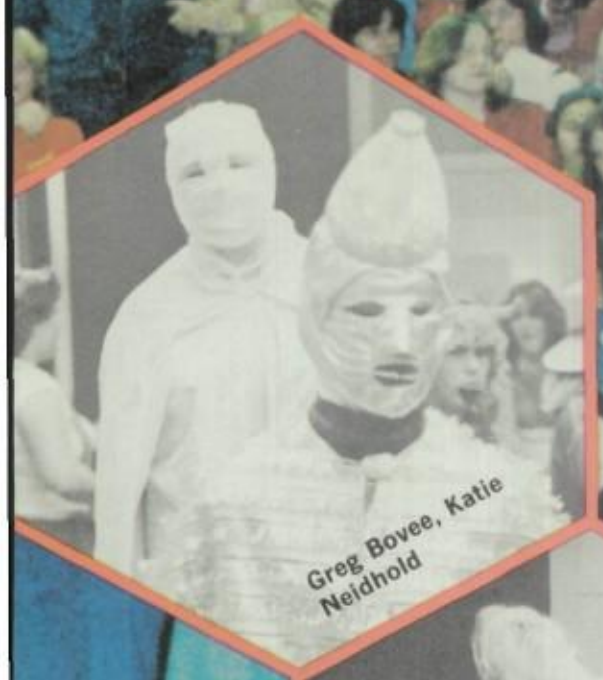
All Sorts Of People



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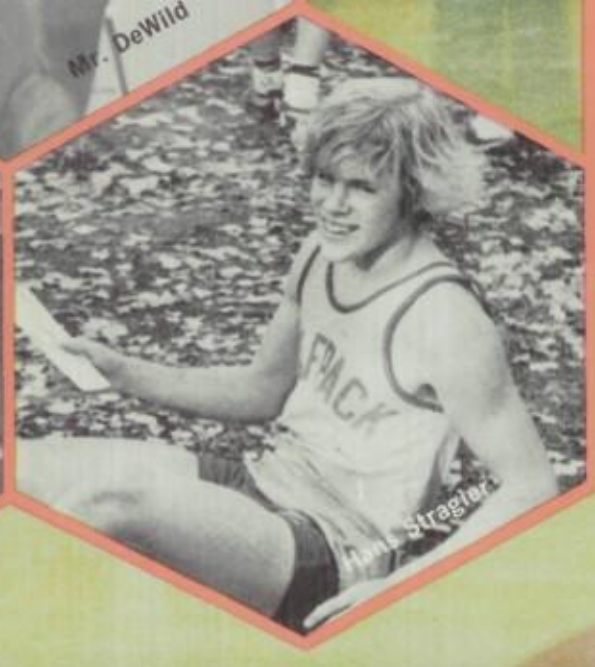

Hans Stragier

The faces of the Wolfpack are highy varied, and in the heterogeneous student body individualism prevails. Diversity of personalities is evident at West: clothing styles range from "scummy" to "spiff," the parking lot holds both junkers and TransAms, some haul armloads of textbooks down the hall while others port tape recorders and a single Pee-Chee. The individual is encouraged to seek and discover his or her niche at West.

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People Experiencing

The years in high school can be incredibly expanding to the individual's horizons. West Valley's mosaic of activities and classes provides opportunities for exploration in numerous areas. Academics provide basic facilities for self-expression and communication and also introduce one to fields for further study or for a profession. Sports emphasize both self-discipline and team work, while clubs further enhance one's skills at working with people and are a training ground for society's leaders.

Even for those not involved in school activities, high school provides social and scholastic experiences invaluable in one's preparation for life. One's initial experiment with budgeting and a job, one's first sojourn behind the wheel of a car, one's inaugural date or formal: all these overtures often occur during the high school years. High school is much more than a sequence of grading periods, and school years can be saturated with personal growth and discovery.

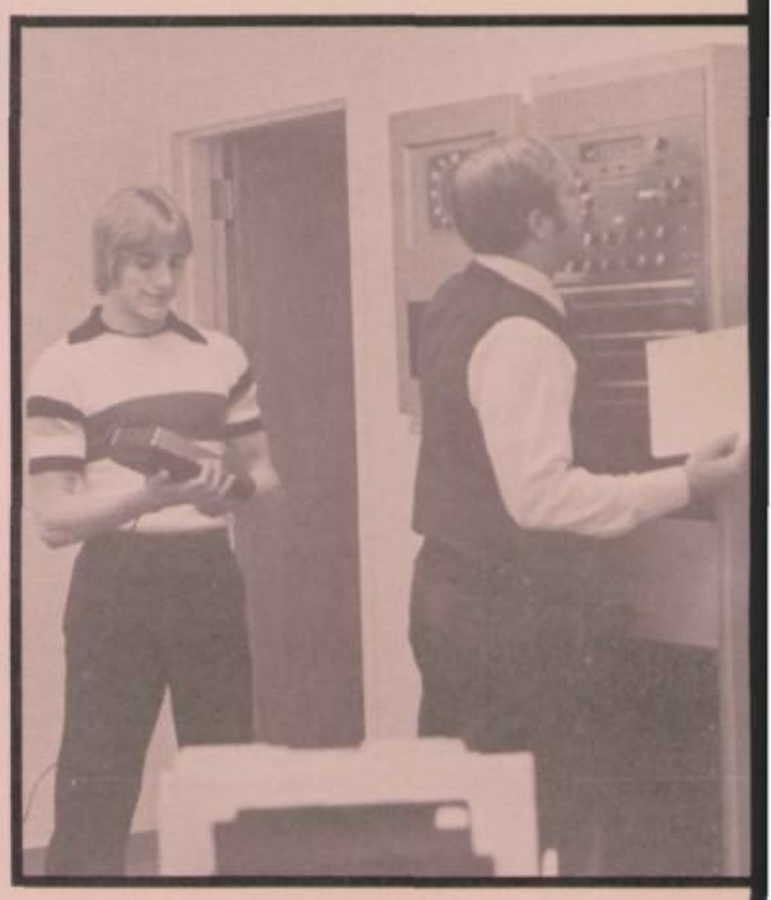
Box-boy Dan Gerdes has it all in the bag.

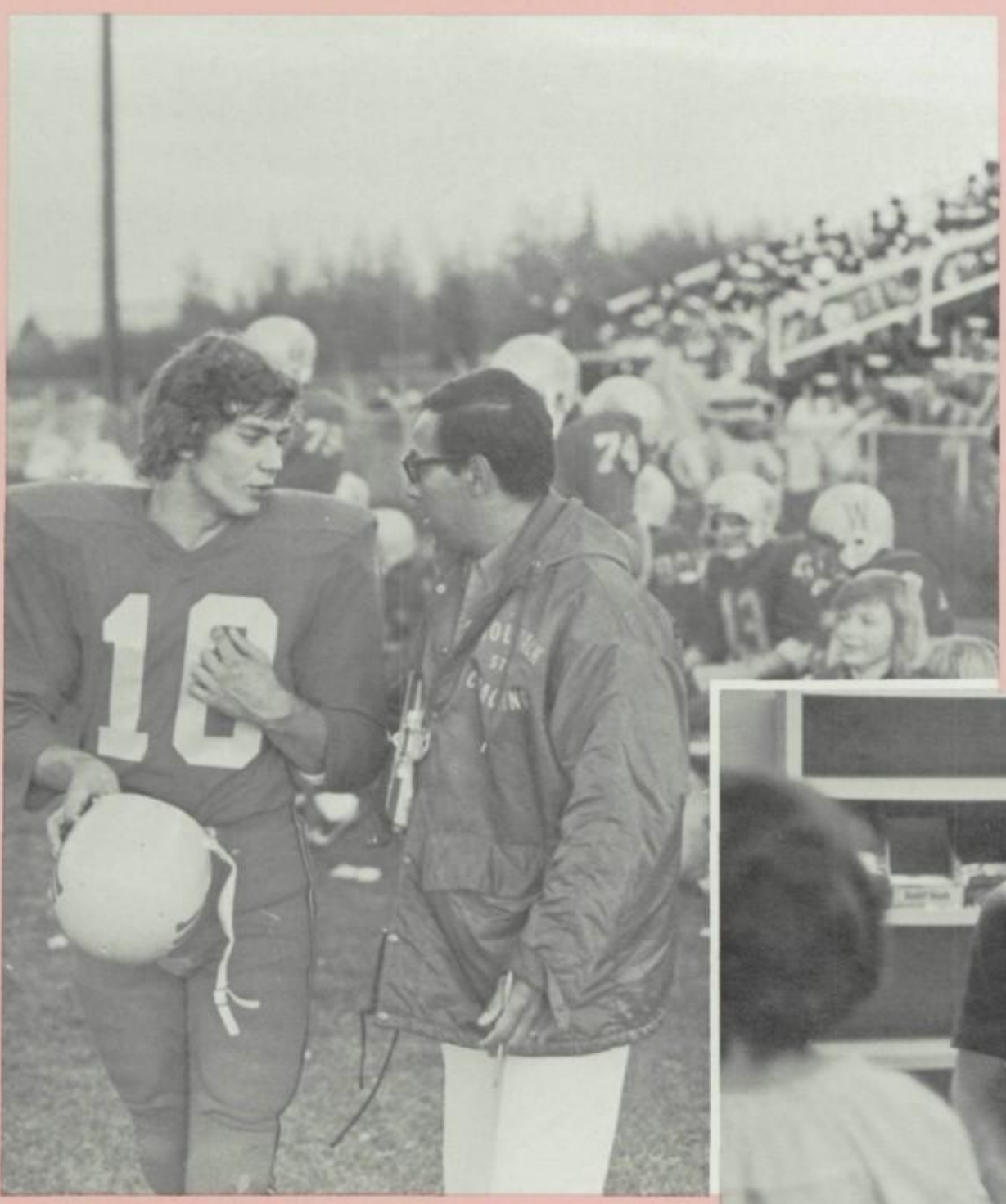
By the light of the harvest moon, Bob Maxwell and Kim Barnard decorate the Junior Stairwell for Halloween.

The lunchroom crowd mingles in the commons on the first day of school.

From his elevated control-panel seat Dave Thurman manipulates auditorium lights.

Waiting to augment Mr. Keppler's morning announcements with a taped Aurora ad is Russ Talvi.





Quarterback Jack Dunshie confers with Coach DeLeon about Wolfpack strategy.

Keyhole salesman Scot Stamps peddles junk food and nutritious munchies during lunch.

UP FRONT

People In Activities

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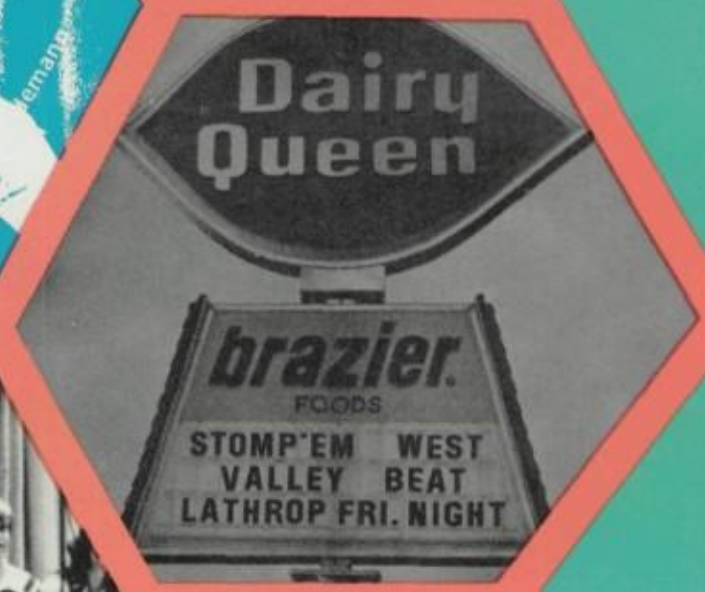
High student participation in school activities has been the key to West's success, and student involvement is an outstanding 33% at West Valley. Turn-out for sports events, campaigns for elections, organization of dances, assemblies, and events, and attire on dress-up days are all indications of the pride West students take in their school.

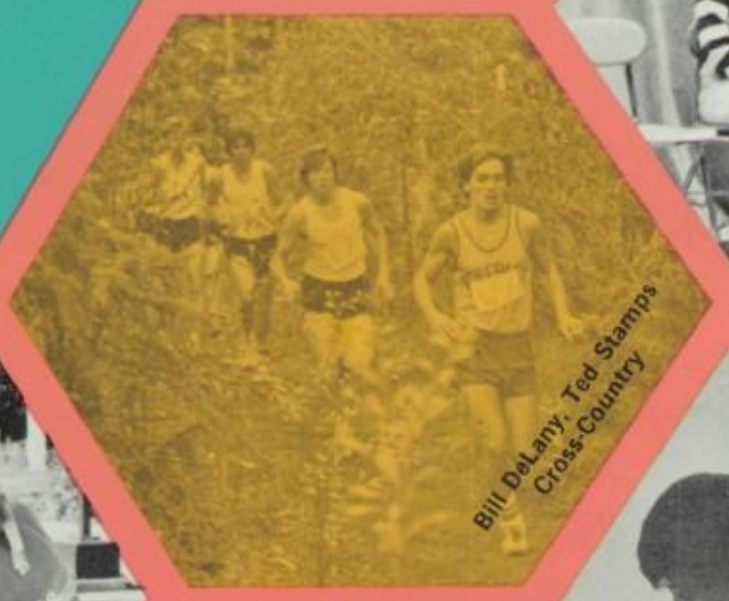
Marching Band

Homecoming

Freshman Orientation

Carl Heidger-Orientation




Bill DeLany, Ted Stamps
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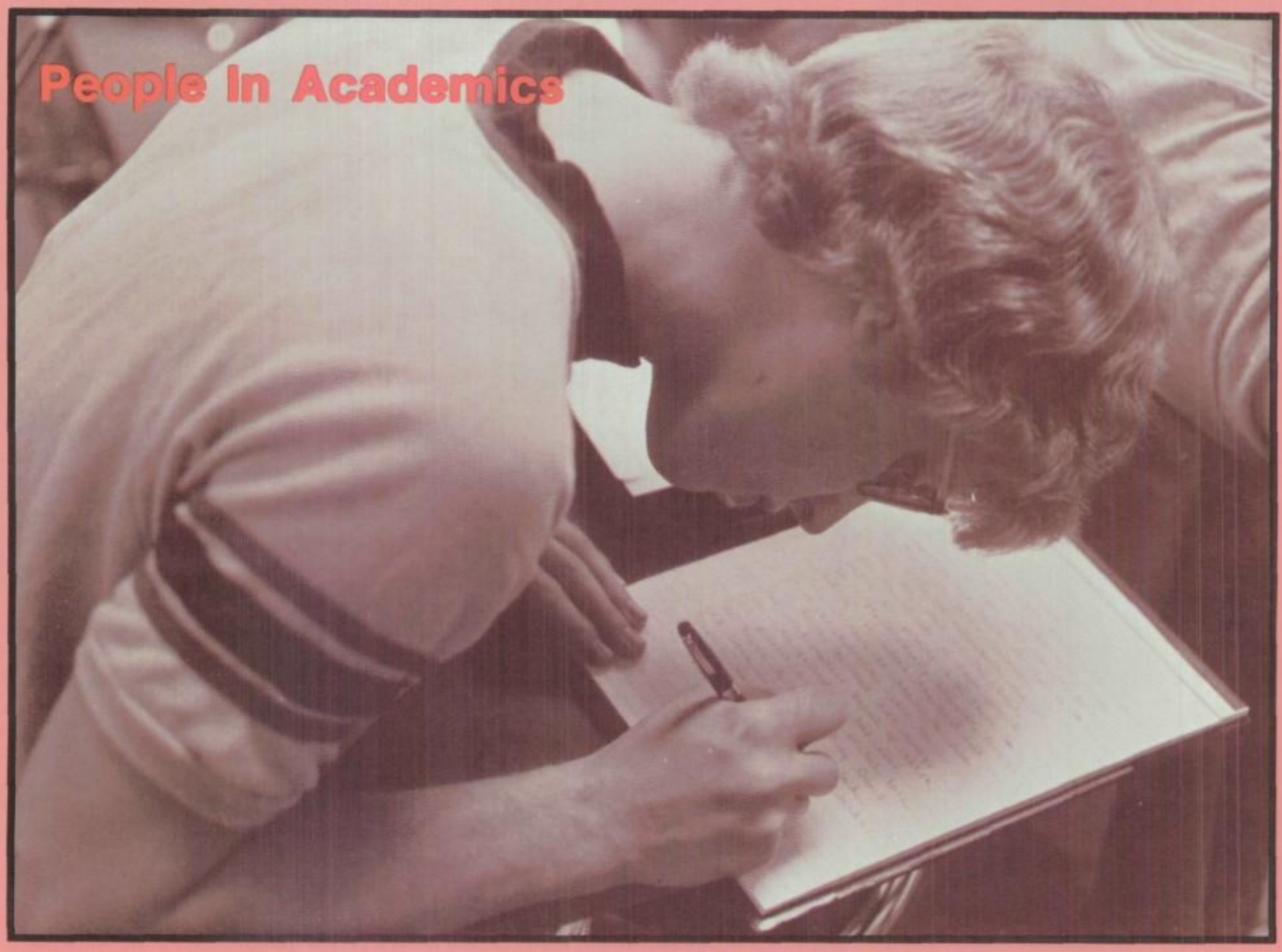
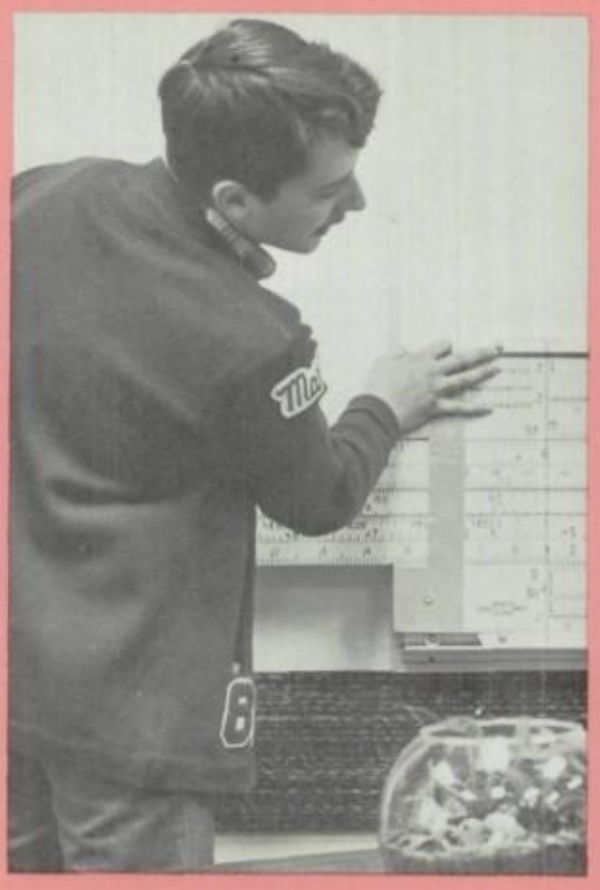
Class Elections

People In Academics



A.P. English scholar Mike Flodin drives his quill across the page printing a discursive thematic analysis.

A prominent caution disuaded any who would interrupt speech classes in room 102.



Math enthusiast Mario Roederer explains use of the slide rule in a demonstration speech.

Including subjects from American Literature to Zoology, West's diversified curriculum offers a variety of scholastic experiences. Classroom scenes vary: creative ventures in wood or clay, extensive library research, computer programs both basic and complex, esoteric bio or chem labs, and entertaining speeches can all be observed from day to day. Nearby Hutchinson Career Center offers alternatives of interest to students pursuing vocational studies.

Classes are often highlighted by guest speakers or field trips. West Valley's proximity to the University of Alaska facilitates exursions to concerts, plays, or forums held on campus and enables use of the University library.

Academics is the concentration and emphasis of classes, but numerous intellect-provoking activities also flourish. Debate, journalism, and numerous clubs investigate specific interests, and even rap sessions among friends augment the cerebral aspects of school.

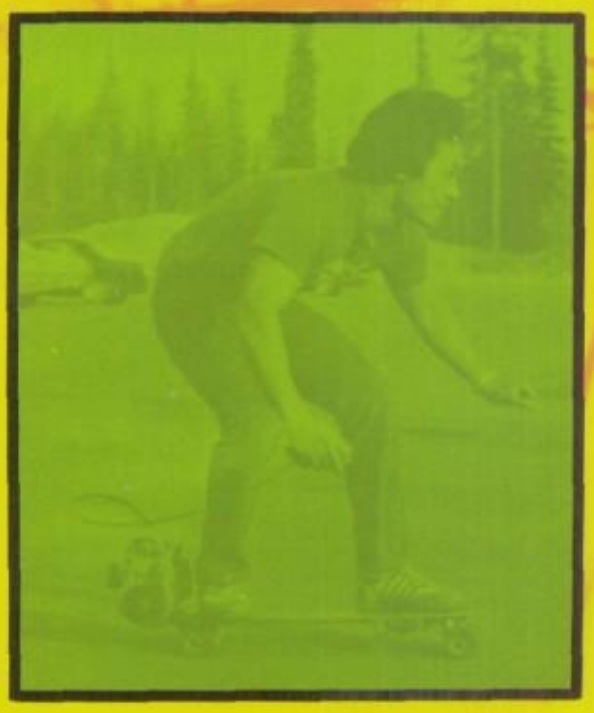
Examining Chena River samples are biology student DeWayne Sanderson and Mr. Tarkiainen.

Congregating at a library carrel are Mike Williams and Mark Hassebroek.

Algebra instructor Mrs. Rodriguez prepares texts for incoming math students.

Typists click away dilligently in an elective business skills class.

People In Athletics



Jim Wang tours West's parking lot on a self-propelled skateboard.

Pyramaniacs in a coordinated P.E. class stack up to any Egyptian competition.

Athletics are an integral part of a well-rounded education. West's sports program runs by the tenet that recreational and competitive athletics are important to the physical and mental well-being of students.

Competition at both the Regional and State levels is a great pride-generator for the spirited Wolfpack. West's thirteen organized varsity sports also benefit individual participants greatly by demanding dilligence and responsibility as well as providing social experiences and increasing athletic prowess.

Physical education is a requirement for graduation, and many students find an hour in the gym a welcome diversion in the school day. The P.E. program extends far beyond monotonous calesthenics and drills, and a variety of study areas are offered. Students are encouraged to develop skills in the field (or court) of their interests.

Miguel LaFleur completes an agonizing cross-country effort.

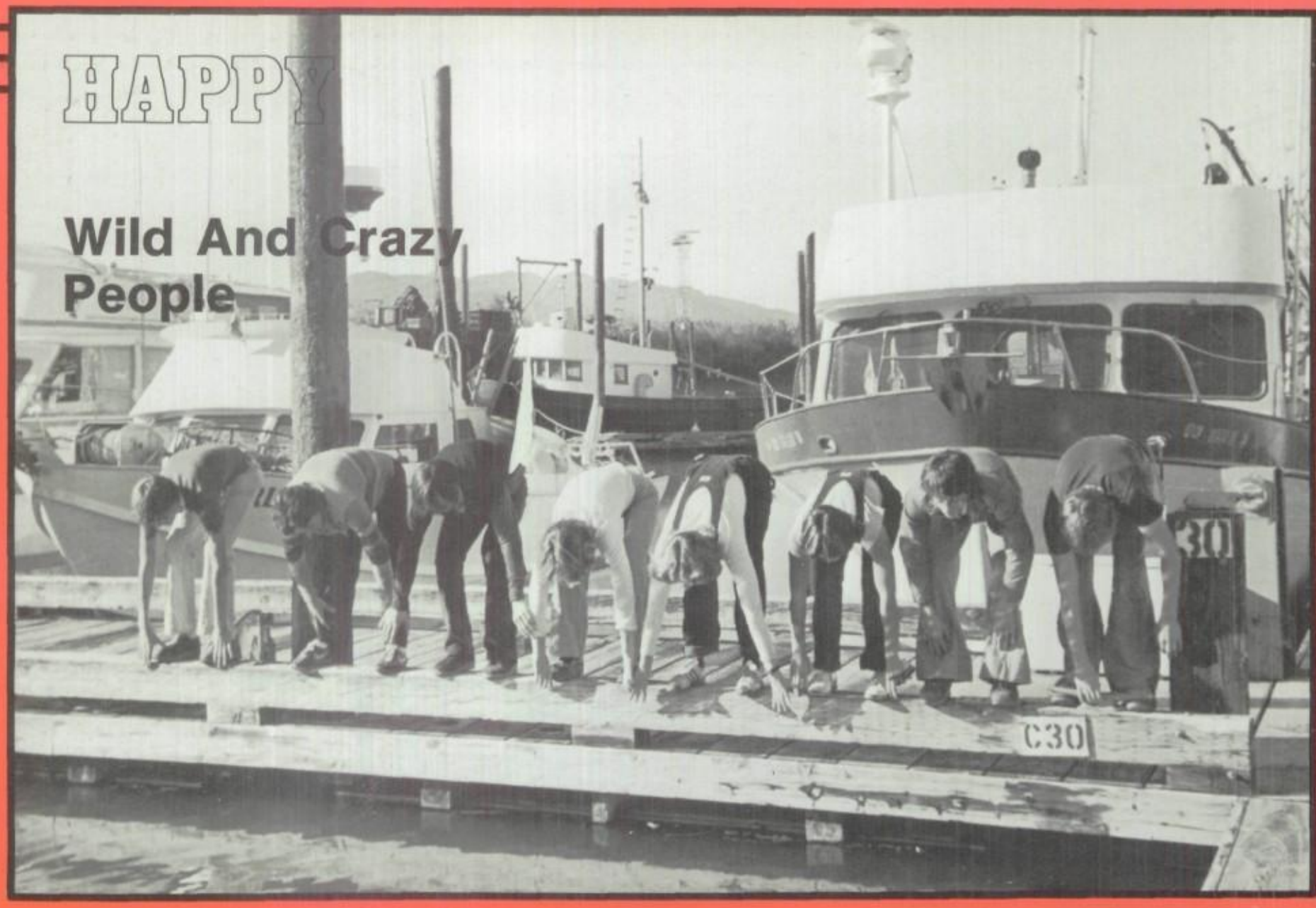
Those choosing the basketball P.E. option scramble in fast-action encounters.

Completing a bump, Janet Hand is temporarily floored as teammate Bernice Burns is poised to assist.

Positioned for an infamous P.E. "burn" is Kurt Blair.

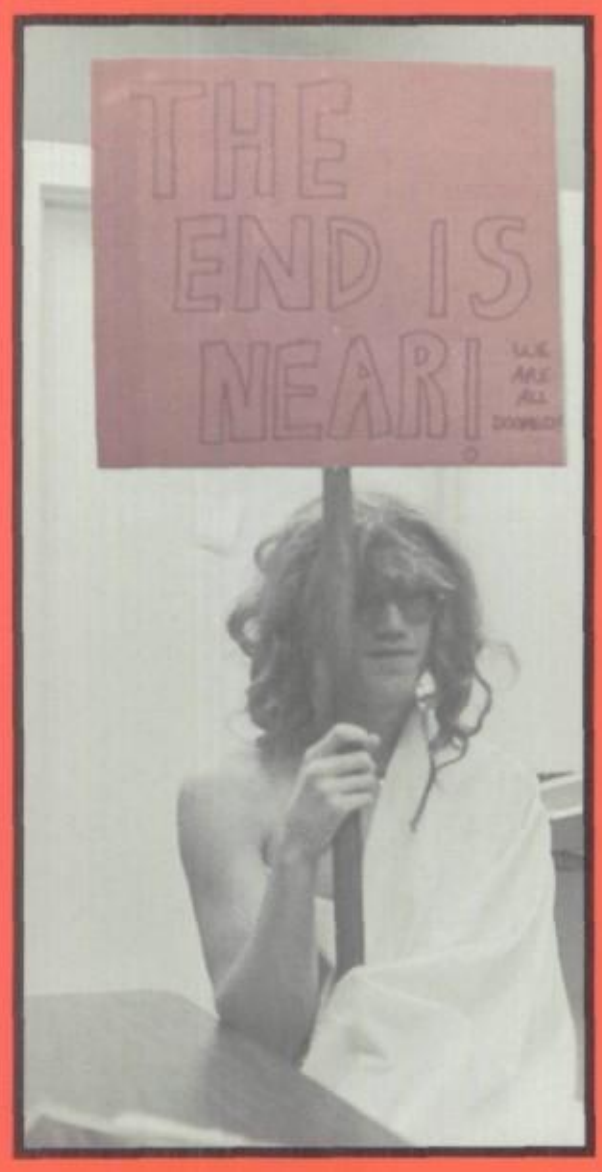
HAPPY

Wild And Crazy People



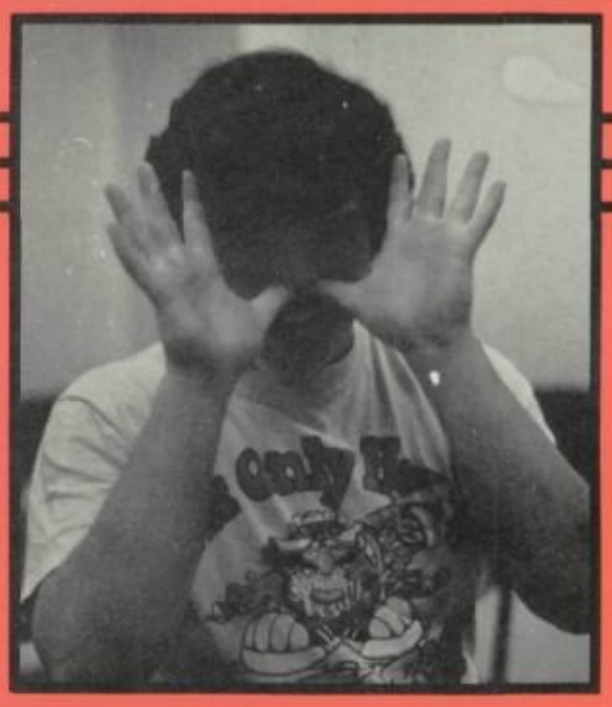
West Valley swimmers pier into the waters of the Pacific while prowling about Valdez docks between swim meets.

While meandering through the halls of West Valley, one is likely to encounter boisterous seniors gathered around someone's locker, animated speakers engaged in devastating pun wars, someone fleeing from an agressor, wielding a wet board-cloth, or even an entire A.P. Bio. class singing in delightful cacophony. These antics and the general jocularity to be found with friends can be the zenith of one's high school experience.



Halloween Prophet of Doom Cameron Pollock displays a sign of the times.

Phillistinian A.P. English students, notorious for creative artistry, garnished Mrs. Mears' beloved Bogart with a dignified moustachio.



Joe Kennebec gives the not-so-secret signal of the Student Concerned About Couth organization.

Charmingly frausy Kristen Lloyd and Mary Bezona indicate their avocations on the senior dance "Life's Been Good To Me So Far" pre-nostalgia day.

Jeff Cross/Durante is lookin' good and he nose it.

Snootfloots Mark Lewis and Mike Cooney demonstrate the conservative dress and behavior characteristic of seniors, while Prodigal Pun Andy Holman (insert) is delighted with an eye-dea.

Scarfing up the attention of the photographer are Marcia Fenton and Laura Ebenal.

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UP FRONT

Beginning with a pep rally in the parking lot at West Valley, which then developed into a motorcade of red and gold decorated cars ending at Kiwanis Field, West Valley launched another Homecoming with spirit!

Floats, the West Valley marching band, a display by BIONIC and an enthusiastic crowd spurred the Wolfpack on as they defeated the Eielson Ravens with a score of 12-6 in overtime play to win their second Homecoming game n three years.

The spirit exhibited during the game carried over to the Homecoming Dance, held the next night in the commons. With a good turnout of several hundred people, the first dance of the school year, sponsored by Student Council, was a fantastic success. Reigning over the dance with the appropriate theme, "We Are the Champions...So the Sky's the Limit," were Seniors King Russ Talvi and Queen Julie Burud.

Homecoming was a great way to start of an exciting and enjoyable year at West!

WOLFPACK CHAMPIONS CAPTURED THE SKY FROM THE RAVENS WITH A 12-6 HOMECOMING VICTORY

Terry Nancy (43) and the rest of the Wolfpack exhibit jubilance as officials give the signal that West has successfully completed another touchdown.

Elected to reign over the championship festivities are King Russ Talvi, Queen Julie Burud; Freshman Prince Mike Caciari, Princess Tammy Barnett; Junior Prince Jack Dunshie, Princess Randi Freeman; Sophomore Prince Dave Lambert, and Princess Heidi Koerfer.

Eagerly anticipating kick-off time, the Wolfpack salutes the Red, White, and Blue.

Among the floats the Sophomore class exemplifies the theme and mood of Homecoming '78.

The Second Annual Wolfpack Dinner, held on Oct. 26 in the West Valley cafeteria and sponsored by the Senior class, was a success in all ways and means. Effervescent Student Body Vice President Katie Neidhold acted as master of ceremonies and livened up the evening for all in attendance. The dinner was an event to be proud of and many will look forward to the Third Annual Wolfpack Dinner as an opportunity to meet the coaches, sponsors and the people of the various clubs and activities that lend spirit to West Valley.

R-O-W-D-I-E is the crowd's enthusiastic response as the Wolfpack attacks the Ravens.

Coaches Klepper and Caciari view one of many well executed plays.

In the bright future, King Russ Talvi and Queen Leslie Monroe will always remember their royal endeavors.

Sylvester the Cat, alias Heidi White, spends Halloween researching new methods for capturing his favorite food, Tweety-Bird.

FALL AT WEST WAS AN INTERLUDE PERVADED BY PHANTOMS AND MASKED MEN, SHARING WITH OTHERS, AND REMINISCING

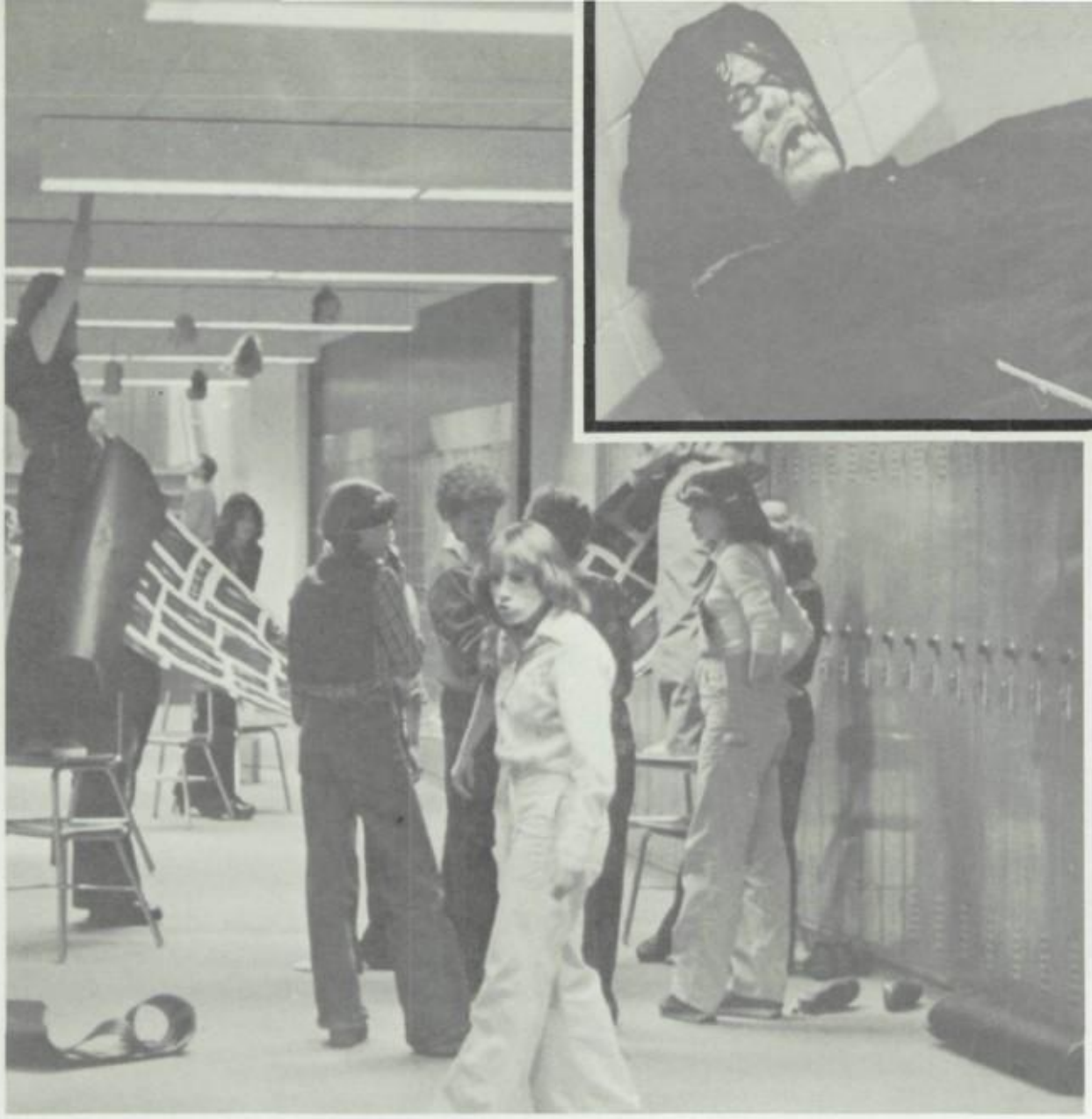
Fall activities included a Halloween dress-up day, the Senior Ball, and Thanksgiving activities. The festivities were full of student vivacity and zest that contributed to the mysteriousness of Halloween, the ecstasy of the Senior Ball, and the holiday mood at Thanksgiving.

On October 31st, the Halloween spirit was alive and well at West. The halls, decorated with ghosts, pumpkins, skulls, bats, and other eerie paraphernalia, were crowded with witches, cowboys, gangsters, clowns, and scarecrows, A dance with free admission to those in disguising garb concluded the day of masquerade.

The Senior Ball, held November 18th, was a memorable evening of "Dancing in the dark, walking through the park, and Reminiscing." The Traveler's Inn Gold Room was festooned with garlands and shrubberies for the special night, and couples danced beneath the stars to the "Sounds of Fairbanks." Dancing in the reign were Seniors, King Russ Talvi and Queen Leslie Monroe. Now as the years go on, the Class of '79 will reminisce fondly about their Senior Ball.

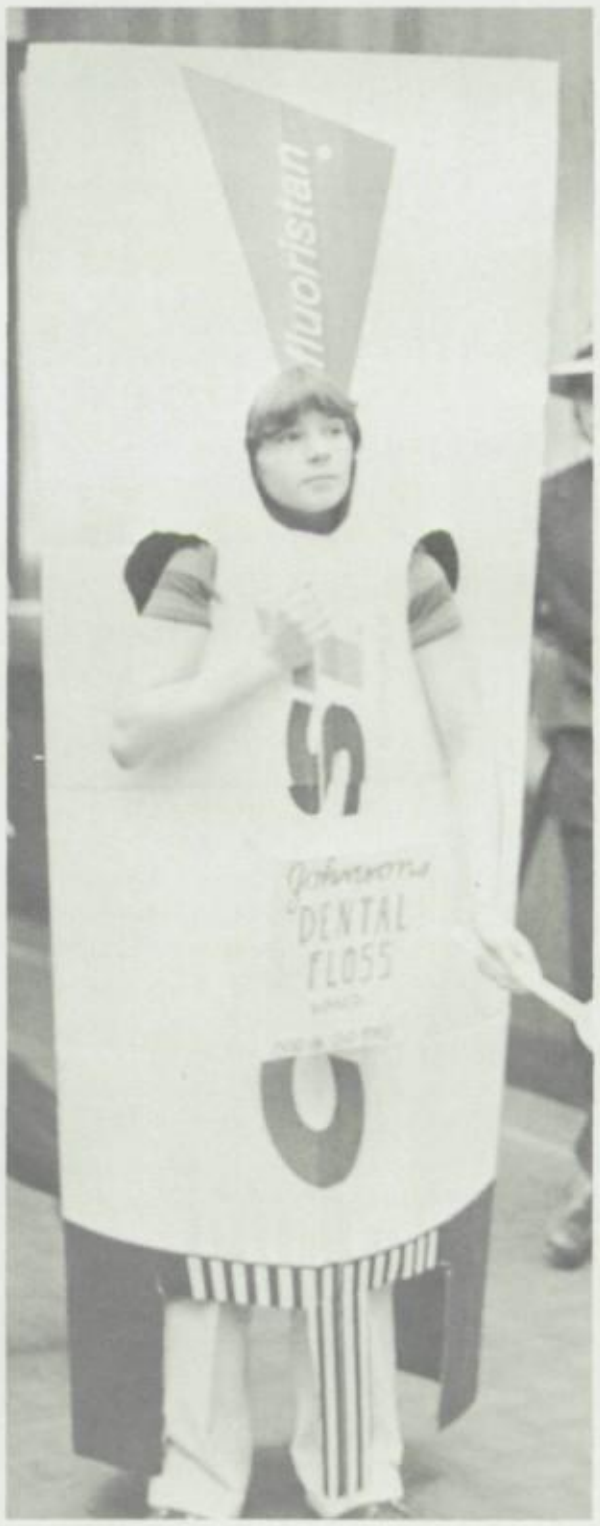
As Thanksgiving approached, many West students entered into the holiday spirit of generosity. In a frenzy of door-to-door soliciting and in-school campaigning, classes collected cans for the Salvation Army.

Spirit Cup competition provided incentive for the classes and the winning Seniors were also presented with $50 from Student Council. A grand total of 919 cans was collected, and with the added contribution of 73 turkeys from the Wolfpack Band, West Valley presented a cornucopia of foods for the Fairbanks needy.



With the aid of a passing fiend, the Freshmen bewitch their hall, transforming it into a Halloween horror and delight.

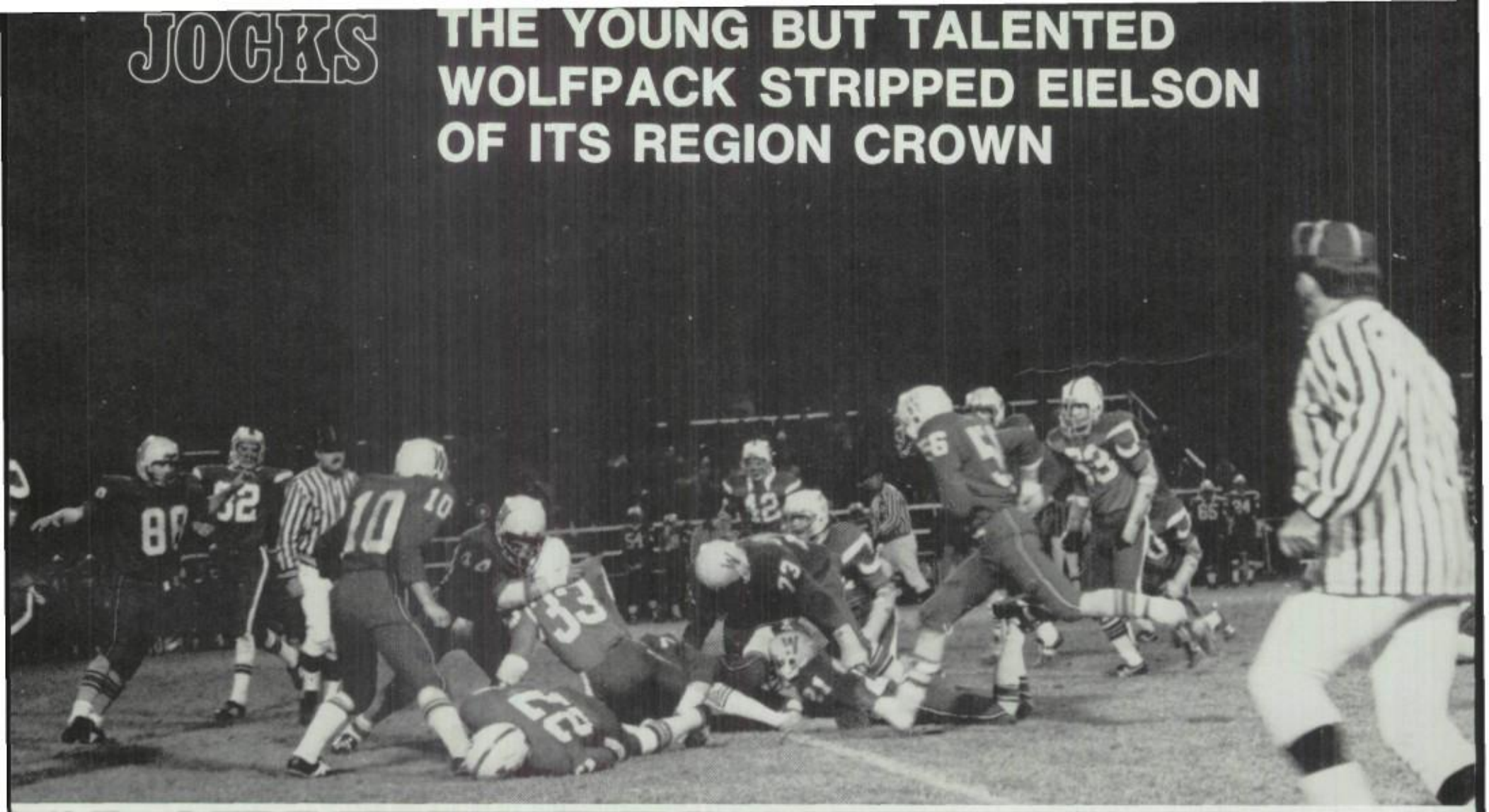
Brushing up on Halloween, Mary Van Hoomissen scouts out the school for loose teeth.



Student Council and the Wolfpack Band proudly display the results of the Canned Food Drive.

JOCKS

THE YOUNG BUT TALENTED WOLFPACK STRIPPED EIELSON OF ITS REGION CROWN



After the West Valley Wolfpack had been defeated by both the Eielson Ravens and the North Pole Patriots in this fall's Football Jamboree, many people made the mistake of ranking the Pack last place in Region VI football.

The spirited Wolfpack began proving these people wrong when it soundly trampled arch-rival Lathrop 20-6 in its first conference game of the season. The mighty Wolfpack then edged out the Eielson Ravens 12-6 in overtime to win its second Homecoming game in three years.

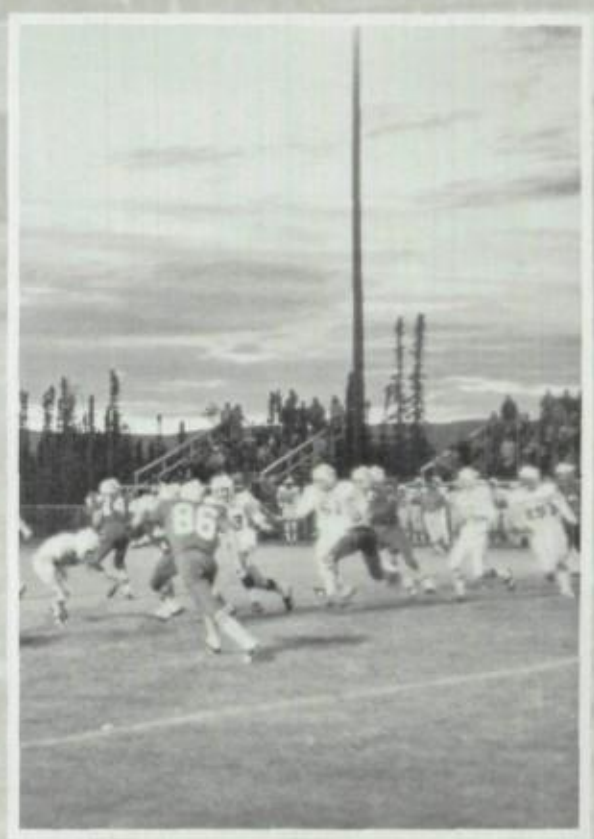
Said Mr. Shellinger of the recent victories, "Is West Valley for real?" The answer was an emphatic "Yes!" and the fired-up Wolfpack proved it by routing both North Pole and Lathrop in its next two conference games. West Valley then absolutely devastated the Eielson Ravens 34-26 in what many people felt to be the Wolfpack's most brilliant and spectacular performance of the season.

Coach Joe Caciari was very pleased with the season and had this to say of the team, "They were a very spirited and together team. I was very impressed with their pride, determination and competitive spirit."

Mr. Klepper was also very pleased with both the comparatively young team and season as a whole and had this to say, "West Valley was a classic example of a talented, dedicated and well disciplined group of players and coaches who managed to prove most everyone wrong in terms of the final outcome." The outcome was that West Valley won five of six regular conference games in a season that none of us will soon forget.

Capturing individual honors for West were Sophomores Dave Lambert and Mark Perry who were both named as athletes of the week by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

With intrepid force, the omnipotent West defense crushes the Patriots.



As the sun sets, West darkens the hope of the Ravens.

Concerned with the team's efforts, coaches DeLeon, Klepper, and Caciari pace the sidelines.

FOOTBALL

W.V.H.S.		Opponents
20	Lathrop	6
12	Eielson	6
8	North Pole	6
20	Lathrop	0
34	Eielson	26
0	North Pole	22

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The explosive performance of the Wolfpack rouses the jubilant crowd.

Awaiting their chance to take the field, the defense follows the action.

FRONT ROW: Dave Lambert, Terry Nance, Paul Brown, Jack Dunshie, Tyrone Thomas, Ted Thomas, Russ Talvi, Dave Thurman, SECOND ROW: Mark Perry, Marty Rawlins, Shayne Holmberg, Kib Cannon, Jeff Cross, Gary Nance, Scott Winner, THIRD ROW: Pete Van Flein, Andy Holman, Scott McCumby, Bill Holman, Steve Burbeck, Mike Burud.

FRONT ROW: Mike Caciari, Wade Huntsman, Brad Shira, Joe Lavery, John Dempsey, Justin Karrella, Steve Hallsten, Terry Underwood. SECOND ROW: Joe Sackinger, Darrel Case, Tyrone Thomas, Mike Flodin, Chris Croll, Ted Thomas, Mike Burud.

Contrary to varsity football philosophy, the purpose behind JV football is to provide younger, less experienced players with valuable playing time to prepare them for the rigors of the varsity squad.

At first glance, the JV record of three wins and three losses may not seem overly impressive, but underneath the superficial, sometimes deceiving skin of win loss records, the JV'ers achieved their goal for the year.

JV coach Mr. Klepper had this to say: "The JV football program is designed to build; win-loss records are not important. We try to play everyone, to develop their skills for varsity ball. I feel that we were very successful in that role. We had some good, young football players who will be an asset to the varsity team in the future. I'm glad that these guys are getting some recognition, because I really think they deserve a pat on the back."

Pursued by a horde of Patriots, tailback Tyrone Thomas sprints to the outside.

Kicking up a dust storm, the West JVer's battle it out with North Pole.

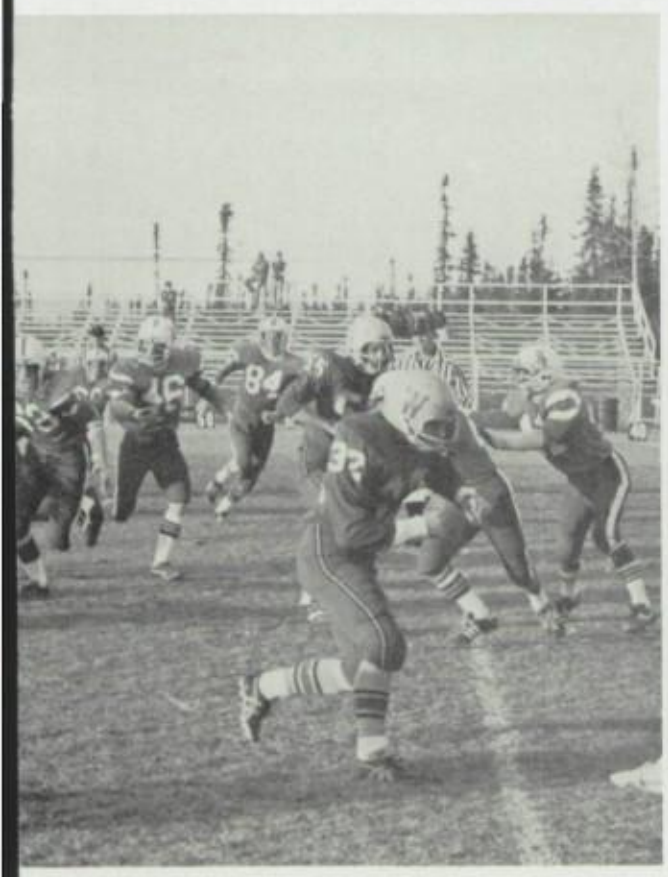
JV FOOTBALL

W.V.H.S.		Opponents
8	Lathrop	0
12	Eielson	6
0	North Pole	6
6	Lathrop	8
6	Eielson	12
6	North Pole	0

(W-3) (L-3) (T-0)

As the pack begins to thin out after the start, Cameron Pollock, Hans Strapko, Terry DeVries, and Andy White set their pace.

Warming up for a race, Inge Deehr and Callie Gonzales walk the course.

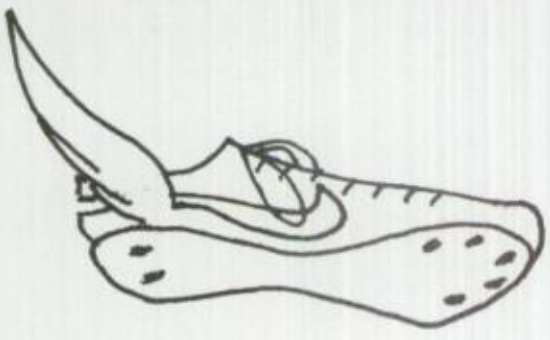


Revealing in their faces the stress of the race, Esther Lindemann and Dawn Borjesson press onward.

Coming down the first hill, Jim Jones leads Mitch Loveless of Eielson and a long string of West runners.

ROUNDING OUT FALL ATHLETICS, JV FOOTBALL AND CROSS-COUNTRY ALLOWED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE

CLIMAXING AN UNDEFEATED SEASON, WEST RAN AWAY WITH TWO REGION TITLES



A They're off and running with Micky Schruf and Shelby Hutton in the lead, followed closely by Jessica Gavora and Helen Schruf, as the Wolfpack stomps the Ravens. Reflecting two sides of the battle, determined Inge Deehr strides for the finish, Jessica, Dawn Borjesson, Esther Lindemann and Inge recuperate after the victory.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Girls

WVHS	Opponents
20	Lathrop-40 1/2
23	Lathrop-46
25	Eielson-32
32	Barrow-47, L-72, E-81

Region Meet	1st	
WV-20	E-50	L-61
State Meet	4th	

Boys

17	E-55	L-64
17	E-56	L-69
18		Eielson-45
15		Lathrop-50
19	Barrow-51, E-67, L-95	

Region Meet	1st	
WV-15	E-53	L-68
State Meet	4th	

Senior Captain Miguel LaFleur pushes toward the finish under the watchful eye of Coach Sprague.

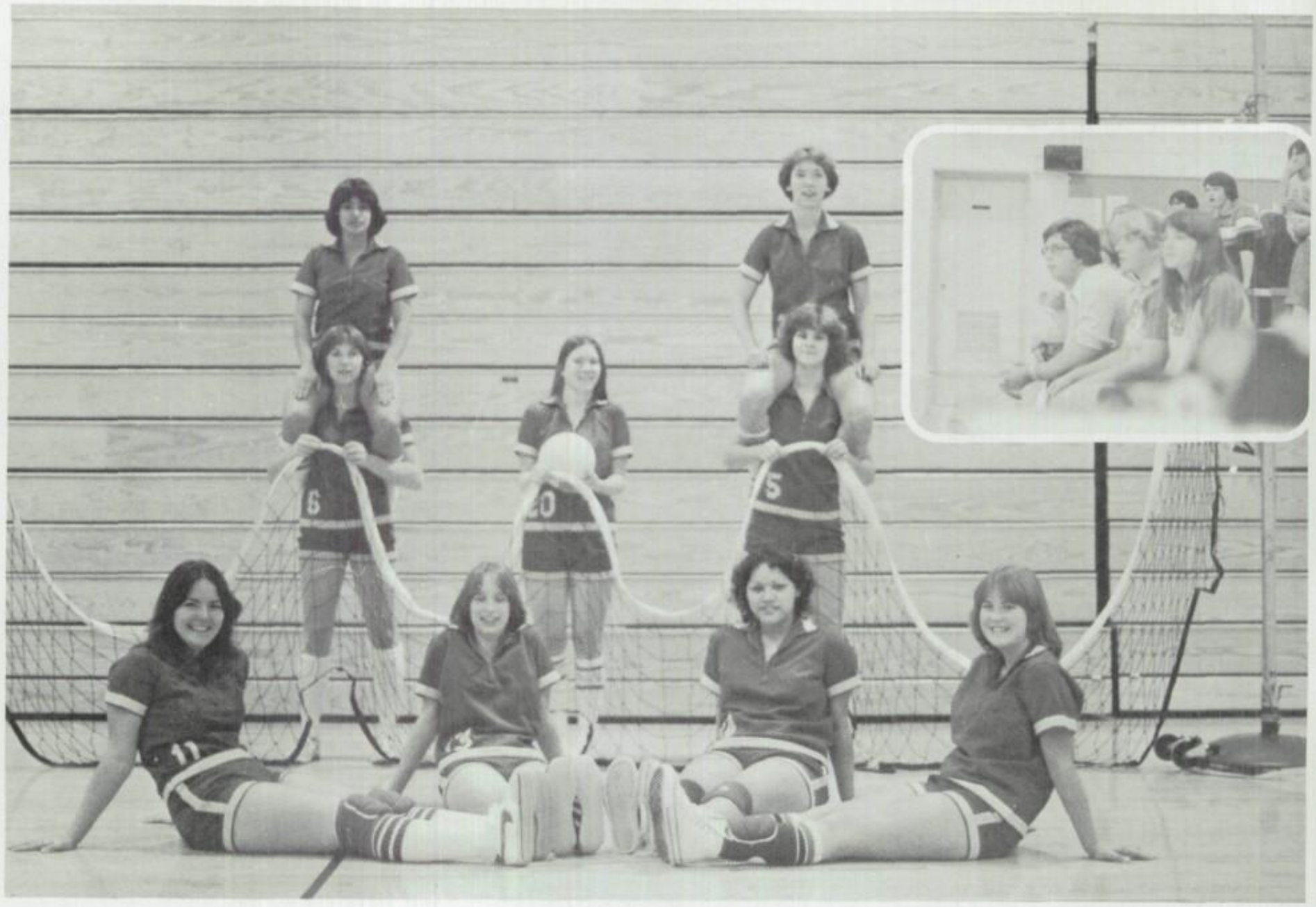
The 1978 cross-country season proved to be a fruitful one for the Wolfpack harriers, who established themselves as the major power in Region VI. Both the boys and girls teams reigned undefeated through the regular season and emerged from the Regional meet as undisputed champions. Junior Ian White was in the limelight for the boys as he breezed through the season winning every race he entered, culminated by a strong fourth place finish at State. Senior captain Micky Schruf paced the girls team through their unbroken string of victories, beating her Lathrop archrival Karen Cole in three of five meetings, including Regionals, and taking eleventh place at State.

The boys team, with captain Miguel LaFleur at the helm, took their brilliant record into the Regional meet as the overwhelming favorites. And overwhelm they did, sweeping the top six places for the second straight year and earning the spot to represent Region VI at the State Meet in Palmer. The girls fared much the same, unseating defending champs Lathrop for the Region title.

West journeyed to Palmer bursting with confidence and came away with fourth place for both boys and girls. A few of the runners were disappointed with this showing, but Coach Sprague remained positive. He was satisfied with the entire 1978 season, as it was an improvement over the year before, especially for the girls. Says Sprague, "It was a good season, but not as good as next year when we win State!"

FRONT ROW: Coach Sprague, Calle Gonzales, Dawn Borjesson, Jessica Gavora, Jana Cannon, Shelby Hutton, Inge Deehr, Tina Deehr, Helen Schruf, Micky Schruf, Rachel Lindemann, Esther Lindemann, SECOND ROW: Terry DeVries, Bill DeLany, Cameron Pollock, Jeff Baurick, Andy White, Ian White, Miguel LaFleur, Hans Stragier, Jim Jones, Charlie Koo, Bob Andresen, Ted Stamps, Leif Thompson, Clay Triplehorn, Scott Reeburgh, Brian Scarborough, Randy Bolstad

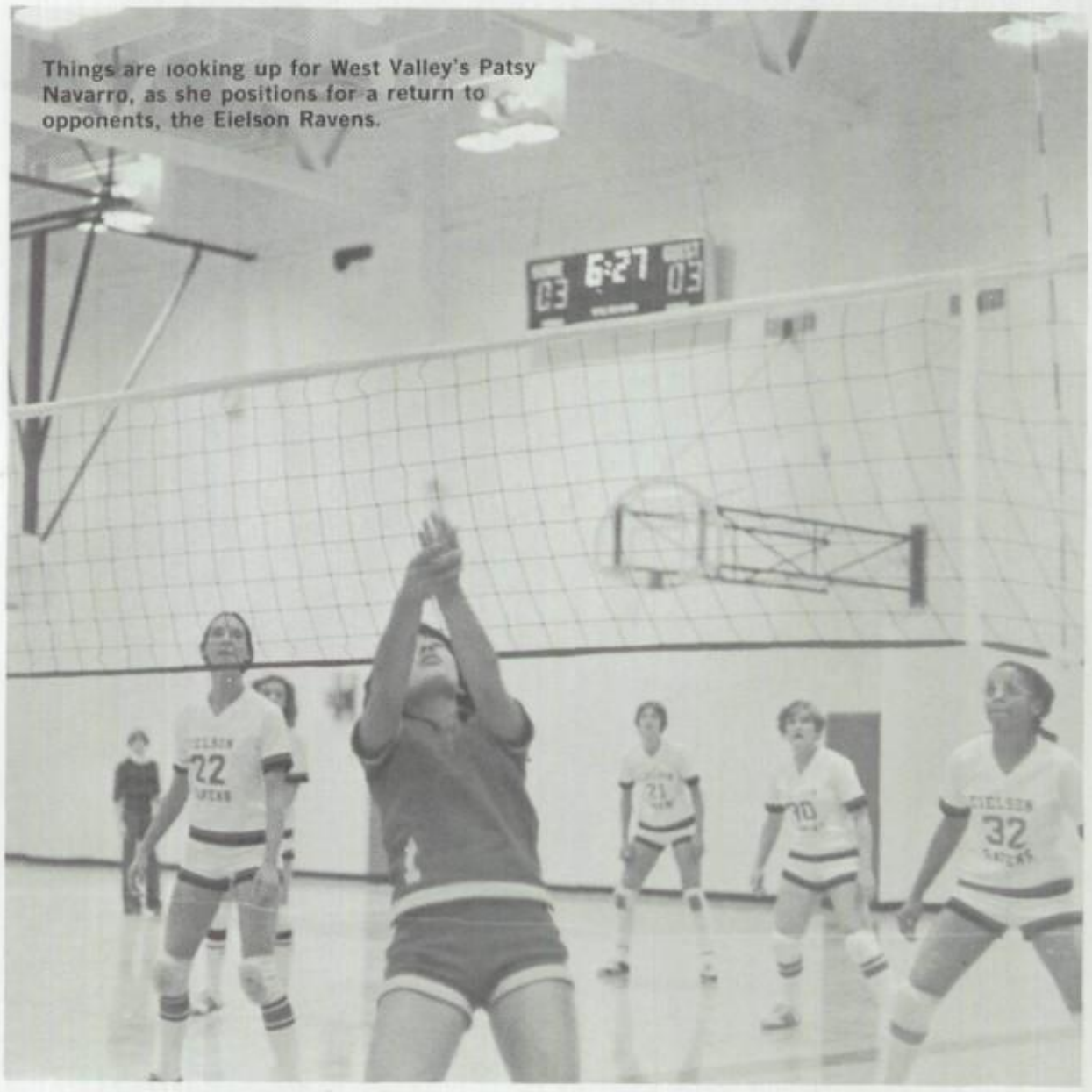
Strong minded freshman Brian Scarborough darts through the trees.



FRONT ROW: Darla Burton, Janet Hand, Jaylen Fenton, Sheila Burton, SECOND ROW: Gillian King, Bernie Burns, Lyndia Streit, BACK ROW: Patsy Navarro, Lori Meier.

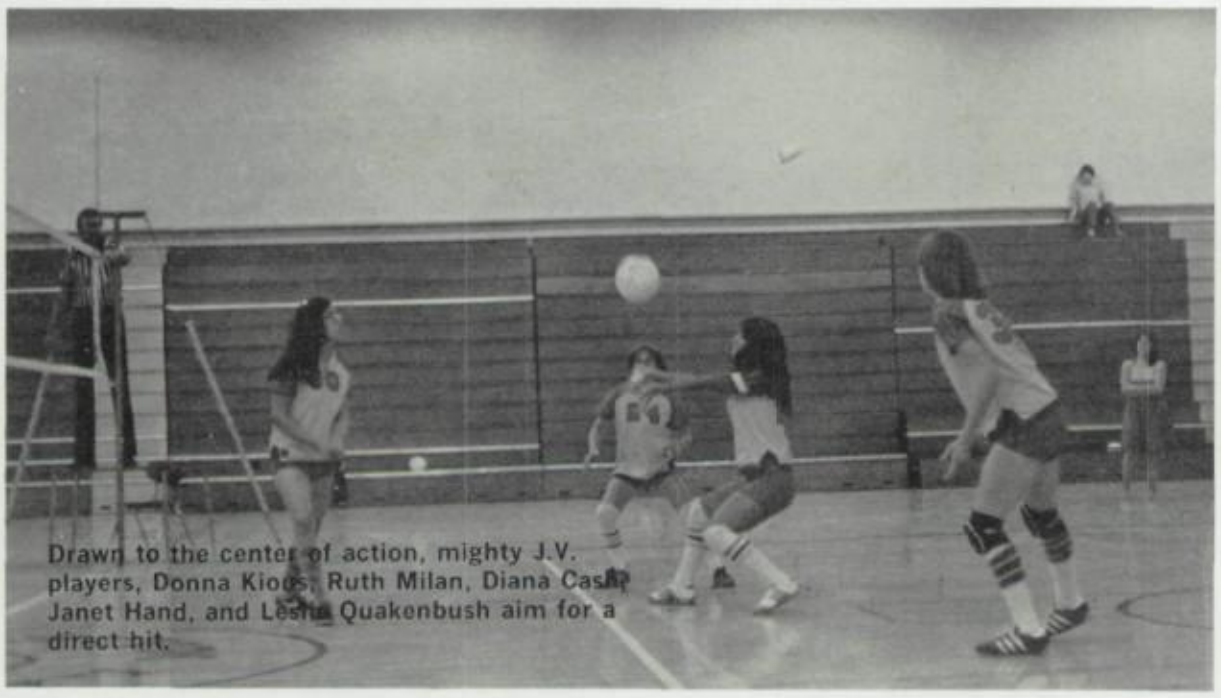
VOLLEYBALL

W.V.H.S.			Opponents
15-11	E		15-6 15-7
15-12	L		15-0 15-7
15-1 15-13	K		14-2
15-0	NP		15-10 15-7
15-6	E		15-4 15-6
15-9 15-11	V		16-14
	W	15-10	15-3
	W	15-14	15-0
15-13	V	15-13	15-6
15-7	L	15-7	15-9
15-11 15-9	NP		15-10
15-12	L		15-3 11-8
15-12	NP		15-3 15-7
15-8	E		15-4 15-9



Things are looking up for West Valley's Patsy Navarro, as she positions for a return to opponents, the Eielson Ravens.

YOUNG AND FRESH JV AND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAMS GRADUATED FROM THE SEASON MORE EXPERIENCED FOR THE COMING YEAR



Drawn to the center of action, mighty J.V. players, Donna Kious, Ruth Milan, Diana Cash, Janet Hand, and Leslie Quakenbush aim for a direct hit.

FRONT ROW: Stephanie Compeau, Diana Cash, Nora Norum, Pam Lambert, Teresa Gleason, SECOND ROW: Mary Van Hoomissen, Coach Matt Steffes, Manager Karen Sole, Donna Kious, BACK ROW: Lori Lundberg, Jan Thompson, Leslie Quakenbush, Ruth Milan.

Mid-August signified the start of the 1978 girls volleyball season, a season that was to prove vastly different from the previous one. The team suffered the loss of six varsity team members as well as the individual loss of its Head Coach, Ruth Scanlan. The team had only five returning varsity players and many new members had to be recruited. Matt Steffes stepped up as Head Coach and used the skills he had acquired as Assistant Coach to develop the potential of the relatively young and inexperienced team.

While West Valley's varsity team was comprised of younger players and was less experienced than others, the remaining teams in Region VI were older and typically more experienced, giving the West spikers fierce competition. West battled vigorously and managed to come away with three wins in the season.

Due to the promotion of several top junior varsity players to the varsity team, the junior varsity was left slightly short handed. Although they were hurt by this loss, they still battled gallantly and attained three wins. The many returning players feel confident they will volley toward a better season next year.

Special congratulations go to sophomore, Lori Meier, who was selected from West to be a member of the All-Region Team.

LEAVING OPPONENTS IN THEIR WAKE, WEST STROKED TO ANOTHER TOP SEASON

Ecstatic over her dazzling Regional victory in the 500 yard Freestyle, Laura Klein beams triumphantly.

Plunging into their second season of competition, the West Valley swimmers, coached by Judy Soolook, held high aspirations to continue their triumphant ways. Although it was her first experience as a coach, Soolook guided the team through a successful year.

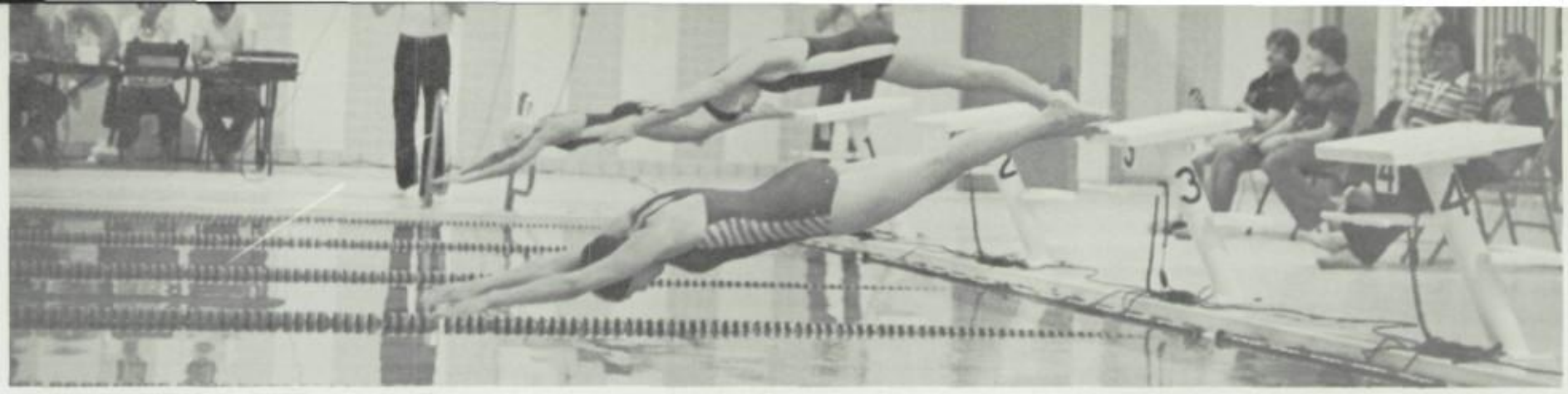
In late September, after more than a month of arduous work, competition began as the team journeyed to Valdez, where they left their adversaries dripping wet. This victory launched the Wolfpack into an unrivaled winning streak. West's aquamen were truly indefatequable, and the mermaids were seriously challenged only by arch-rival Lathrop.

Moving into the Region meet, West carried along some mighty impressive records. After a fine performance, the Wolfpack boys captured the Region title, but the girls were touched out by Lathrop. The diving team also came through, taking top honors in the region and in the state.

In the State meet, competing against fifteen other teams, the boys swam to sixth place and the girls to ninth. This capped off another radiant season for the young West squad.

With only three seniors leaving, including captains Bill Roth and Jennifer Fate, the outlook for the third season is an excellent one!

TOP ROW: Cheryl Martin, Laura Klein, Bill Roth, Jennifer Fate, Tom Van Flein, Chuck Cole, Brian Blockosky, Jim Roth, MIDDLE ROW: Debbie King, Carl Benson, John Pennebaker, Coby Gibson, Eddie Hoch, BOTTOM ROW: Coach Judy Soolook, Katie Fellows, Diane Wallin, Becky Oliphant, Tyra Martsolf, not pictured is Danny Medlin.



Commencing the 200 Yard I.M., Jennifer Fate acquires an early lead.

After a triumphant day at the swim meet, the West Valley aquajocks and Coach Judy Soolook revel in glory.

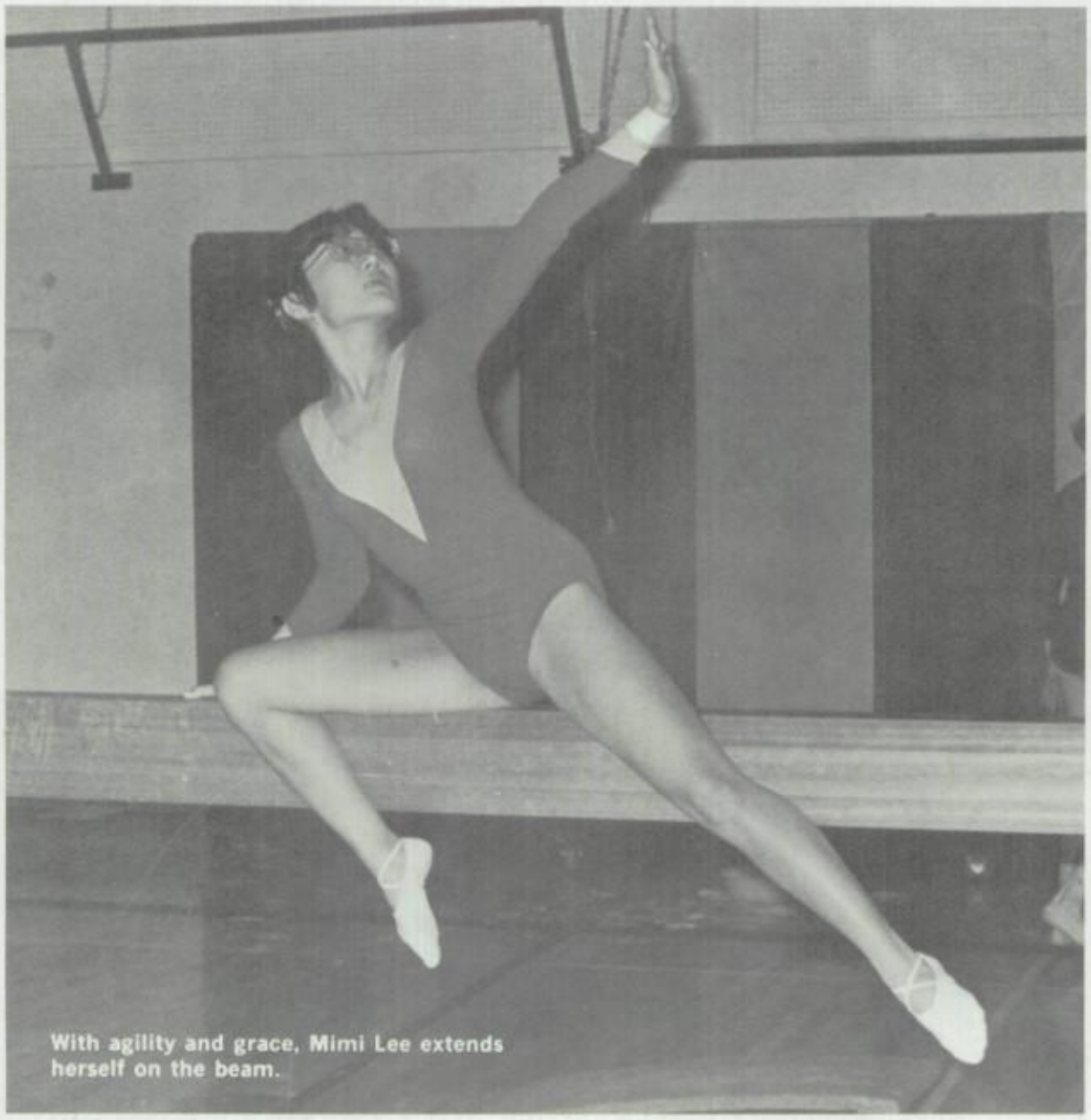
After diving for only three weeks, John Pennebaker easily captures the Regional diving title and proceeds to take second place at State.

SWIMMING

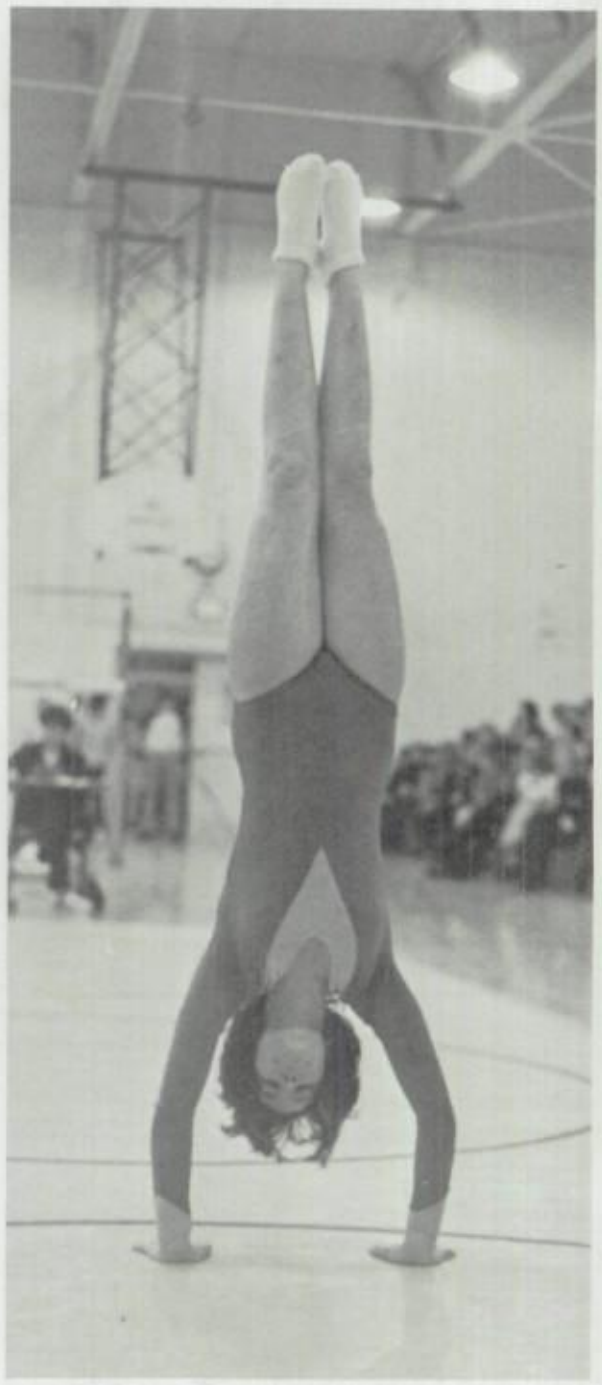
W.V.H.S.		Opponents
161	Valdez	61
168	Cordova	58
152	Valdyz	78
152	Cordova	50
156	North Pole	77
128	Eielson	78
141	Lathrop	141
151	Eielson	79
127	Lathrop	156
B-1st	Regionals	G-2nd
B-6th	State	G-9th

Breaking the smooth water with puissant force, Tom Van Flein surpasses his adversary in the 100 Yard Breaststroke event.

WOLFPACK GYMNASTS TUMBLED THEIR WAY TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



With agility and grace, Mimi Lee extends herself on the beam.



Deep in concentration, Paige Wallace executes a perfect handstand.

With intricate balance, Leanne Olmstead anticipates her next move.

Members of the team are: Mimi Lee, Kathy Platz, Tammy Matthews, Paige Wallace, Dana Button.

Coach Diadre House, Ruby Cogan, Susan Aasland, Kim O'Brien, Leanne Olmstead, Sharman Murphree

Giving a confident smile, Coach House prepares to watch the team perform.

Unconcerned Kathy Platz relaxes while Coach House gives her a little support.

Clad in carnations and red sweats, West's tumblers enter competition.

Compteing in State, Regional and local meets West's gymnastic team experienced an extremely profitable season. According to Coach Ms. House, the team did outstandingly well.

The entire team competed at the beginning level and managed to place exceptionally high even against arch-rival Lathrop. The first half of the season consisted of compulsories or standardized routines they themselves had composed following certain guidlines. The four main events in which the team competed were floor exercise, balance beam, uneven parallel bars and vaulting horse. Starting a new tradition the team carried flowers in a procession led at each meet by Ms. House.

Ms. House stated that a great deal of interest was created this year by the cartwheel-a-thon. The team used this event to raise money to purchase some desperately needed equipment. Mimi Lee did a heartbreaking 1147 consecutive cartwheels. Due to interest shown during the cartwheel-a-thon, Ms. House expects a larger team next year.

In closing, Ms. House said, "It was a pleasure working with these girls because they always had a positive attitude and worked very well together. The team received an exceptional amount of support from the girls' families. There was a very special atmosphere and although workouts were difficult, it was still fun. I love it!"

SPIRIT

RABBLEROUSERS INSTILLED SPIRIT IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL POPULOUS

Who cheered at West's athletic events and pep rallies, sold doughnuts, worked at the KFRB booth during the fair, and baked spirit cakes? The answer is the West Valley cheerleaders of 1978-79.

With the creation of a new cheerleading squad, the Junior Junior Varsity, the Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders received assistance with instilling pride and school spirit in West students.

The talented and gymnastics-minded Varsity squad, captained by Randi Freeman and advised by Marcia Snyder, had a great many duties to attend to. Most importantly, the girls raised the spirits of West's general student body, particularly those who were involved in athletics during school. They also raised spirit during pep rallies and Varsity sports events. The cheerleaders routinely put up posters and locker decorations which induced greater student involvement in athletics and spurred West's athletes on to victory. Varsity cheerleaders conducted the sales of spirit buttons, wolf pins and doughnuts. The girls also raised money by selling concessions out of the Keyhole during home basketball games.

At the conclusion of the sports season a special honor was bestowed to Varsity Cheerleading captain Randi Freeman: she was chosen to the All-Region Cheerleading Squad. Her qualifications were outstanding spirit and enthusiasm, and her overall cheerleading abilities. Congratulations Randi!

West's rabblerousers were: FRONT ROW: Heidi Koerfer: SECOND ROW: Shelly Brunaugh: THIRD ROW: Sue Cole, Donna Neidhold, and Randi Freeman.

Students watch as cheerleaders Sue Cole, Donna Neidhold, and Shelly Brunaugh use the Wolfpack beat as a good luck charm.

Cheerleaders Heidi Koerfer, Randi Freeman, Donna Neidhold and Shelly Brunaugh urge the Wolfpack on with their words of inspiration.

West's JV pep boosters includes: FRONT ROW: Natalia Naske, Cathy Miles, Kristen Kohler; BACK ROW: Wendy Conn, Lori Baughman, and Kathy Kohler.

With a kick to prove West's high spirit, Kris Kohler shows that the spirit level is at its height.

The JJV cheering squad includes: TOP to BOTTOM: Peggy Rose, Laurie Klepper, Debbie Reynolds, and Stacey Hutton.

Cheerleader Aurora Robinson is all wound up and ready to reel off one of West's exceptional cheers.

To raise the spirits of West students for the Region VI Basketball Tournament the cheerleaders sponsored the spirit cake included oil, eggs, syrup, sugar, peanut butter, and flour. These ingredients were mixed with the most essential ingredient, West's athletic coaches (and in some cases an unfortunate cheerleader). All of these ingredients were blended thoroughly into the hair of the "victim" to produce a deliciously unconsumable delicacy.

Supplementing the Varsity squad were the JV cheerleaders. The JV's cheered at Junior Varsity sporting events, participated in pep rallies and the spirit cake "bake," and hosted a pizza feed at the Blue Marlin for the JV basketball team. The JV cheerleaders boosted student morale both in school and at games with their energy, vivacity and infinite school pride.

A first for West Valley was the creation of the Junior Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad. The JJV's cheered at Freshman basketball games, adding to the many enthusiastic voices that rooted for the up-and-coming basketball stars.

Taking into account the spirit shown by our cheerleaders at all three levels, the outlook for future squads looks very promising.

DISPLAYING THE ABILITY TO KEEP THE SCHOOL ACTIVE AND WELL INFORMED, WEST STUDENT GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TO THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENT BODY

The spring of 1978 marked the birth of a brand new student council; the student council that was to serve the student body of West Valley for the 1978-79 school year.

These newly elected student body and class officers, under the leadership of President Shane Holmberg and Adviser Edie Green, met over the summer to plan for the forthcoming year. Soon after school began in September and Homecoming was a thing of the past, the student body and class officers conducted the election for class representatives and followed this up with a special Fall Leadership Workshop. The workshop was designed to educate council members and other West students, about the intricate machineries of student government. The workshop also united student council members to fulfill some important goals.

Their primary goals this year were, to bring about greater student involvement in activities sponsored by student council and to bridge the communication gap between the student body and the council.

In keeping with its goals and Mrs. Green's philosophy that student council should be action oriented, this student council was very busy sponsoring such activities as Homecoming, the Fal Leadership Workshop, dress-up days, decorating days, Canned Food Drive, in-school dances assemblies and Christmas activities.

Student Body President Shane Holmberg was fairly satisfied with how the student council met its objectives, especially in regard to the problem of communication. He aslo felt that the students were fairly involved, but said there can never be too much student involvement in school activities, especially at West Valley.

Leading the way with four years experience are, CLOCKWISE: Renee Dykema, President; Charlie Koo, Treasurer; Representatives, Joni Papp, Sally Aasland, Jennifer Fate, Lory Barsdate, Toby Green; Leslie Monroe, Secretary; and Julie Burud, Vice President. Not pictured is Representative Cheryl Wilhelm.

Stepping up to the rigors of student government are Super Sophomores, LOWER LEFT; Representatives, Karen Sole, Abbie Johnson, Kelly Wien, Diana DeVargas, Helen Schruf, Treasurer; Paige Wallace, Secretary; Cindy Hoppner, Vice President; and Bob Burcell, President. Representatives not pictured are Chris Wilhelm and Gillian King.

Displaying their own special group, the Junior Class lends vitality to West's Student Council. Representatives, Laura Winford, Jan Thompson; Ken Elbert, Vice President; Jim Klaich, Representative; Marcie Hassebroek, President; Representatives, Randi Freeman and Kim Barnard. Not pictured are Brenda Thompson, Secretary; Linda Winters, Treasurer; and Representative Peggy Williams.

Exhibiting a fresh start and an optimistic outlook are the fantastic Freshmen. BACK ROW: Christelle Ansart, Treasurer; Wendy Conn, Secretary; Joann Sims, Vice President.

FRONT ROW: Representatives, Cathy Miles, Terri Jackovich, Cathy Lambert, Randi Sole, Dana Wells, and Kristen Kohler. Not pictured is Shirley Hunter, President.

Keeping in line with the objectives of Student Council are Student Body officers, Shane Holmberg, President; Mike Cooney, Corresponding Secretary; Richard Hicks, Recording Secretary; Kathy Franz, Treasurer, and Katie Neidhold, Vice President.

Student Council Adviser Edie Green and son Jonathon donate their time to Homecoming decoration.

"Believe it or not I care", is not only the motto, but is also the name of West Valley's newest spirit oriented club. The brain child of Richard Hicks and Scott Stamps, this ambitious team of apathy fighters met West's needs head on and managed to come out on top.

The idea to establish Bionic came to Hicks and Stamps during an annual Key Club International Convention. They both felt that there had been a sharp decrease in the amount of school spirit exhibited by West students and that perhaps something could be done to change West's lack of awareness and apathy. Elaborated Hicks, "... the Freshmen seemed to be more involved than usual this year. We think that maybe we had something to do with it; getting them involved before they lost interest."

Bionic's most notable accomplishments included the publication of the West Valley People's Anthology, the "Big W" light show during half-time of the Homecoming football game and the promotion of several West dances.

Student involvement and spirit has been on the increase recently, and as long as West Valley has conscientious people like the members of Bionic around it should continue to climb.

Believe it or not they care. The members of Bionic are: Scott Stamps, Darell Pritchard, Sally Aasland, Shirley Hunter, Charlie Koo, David Wheeler, Richard Hicks, Joni Papp, Sharman Murphree, Julie Howard, Brandy Kent, Ted Stamps, and Eric Rhude.

Bionic's pet project, the People's Anthology, is available for students in the counseling office.

ENDORSING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT, BIONIC PROMOTED SCHOOL SPIRIT WHILE STUDENT COUNCIL PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Adviser Mrs. Green supervises student body officers Katie Neidhold, Mike Cooney, and Shane Holmberg as they write up the homeroom reports.

Contributing their abilities to student council are newly elected members Delisa DeVargas and Tammy Barnett, Freshmen Reps., and Russ Talvi, Senior Rep.

Keeping student council in touch with the students, Senior Rep. Lory Barsdate informs a class about upcoming events and activities.

Vallis Occidens Discipulus Consilium is the scientific name for a unique and active animal, well known for its qualities of leadership and its affinity for encouraging student involvement. During its sixth year this animal, the West Valley Student Council, had demonstrated its ability to organize itself effectively and to sponsor school activities vital to the promotion of student involvement and to the preservation of school pride and spirit.

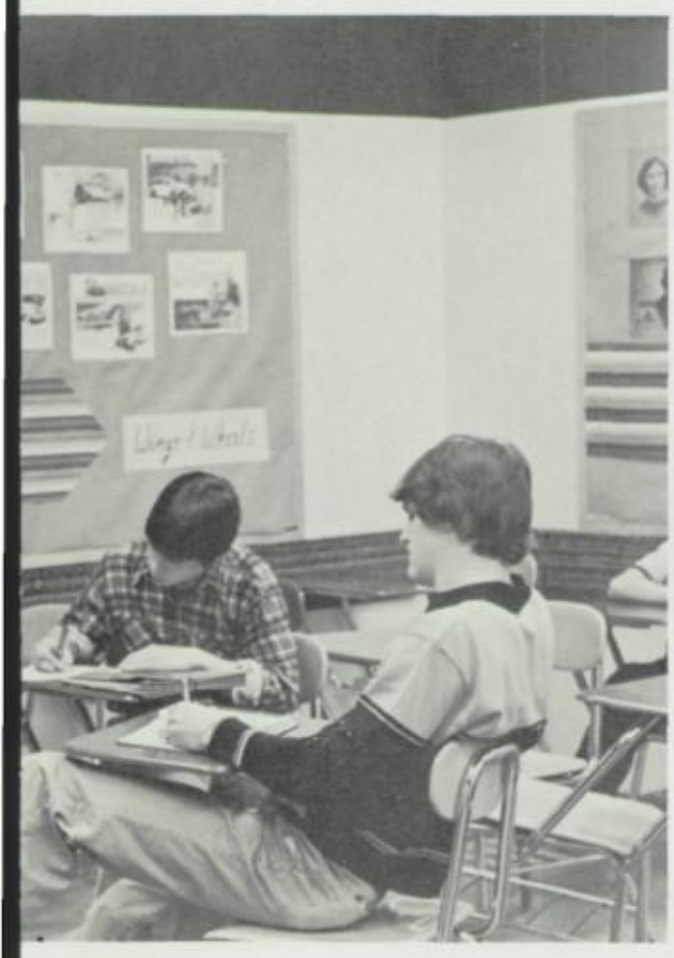
Effective organization is an important aspect of any large body and the student council organized itself in a number of ways. The council was split up into classes as well as into four separate committees, (A, B, C and D). Throughout the year, individual activities were delegated to each of the committees in the form of committee assignments. Weekly committee meetings were held and activities were planned and carried out. In addition to committee meetings, class meetings were conducted on a weekly basis, usually on Thursdays. The meetings allowed the classes to organize class activities and to plan their strategies for the various class competitions.

As the first semester neared its end, it became apparent that certain council positions would need to be filled. Accordingly, a special mid-term election was conducted. Joining the student council at mid-term were Russ Talvi, Senior Rep; Linda Winters, Junior Class Treasurer; Kim Barnard, Junior Rep; Delisa DeVargas, Freshman Rep., and Tammy Barnett, Freshman Rep.

To bring about greater student participation, the council planned various activities in which the classes competed for the Spirit Cup. Spirit Cup competitions included hall decorating for Halloween and Christmas, spirit yells, the canned food drive and the fifties day costume contest. Throughout the competition, the four classes battled it out and the Seniors ran neck and neck with the Freshmen, while the Sophomores vied for the top. By early March, the Freshmen led the Seniors by two points, with a score of 34-32 and the Juniors were tied with the Sophomores 28-28.

Class, committee, general and executive board meetings kept the council busy planning activities which in turn kept the student body busy and involved as they showed their school spirit by their participation in such activities.

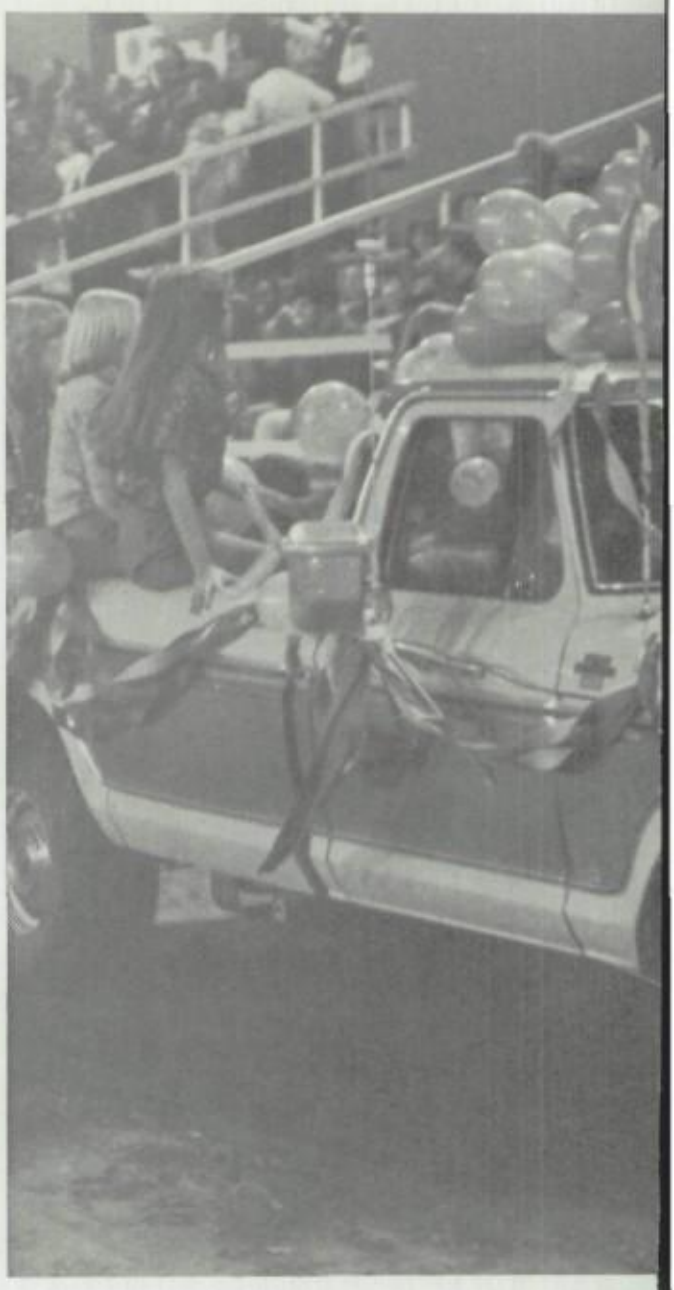
Opening the meeting with a dedication to their country, student council members pledge allegiance to the flag.



Articulating recent school happenings, Cathy Miles and Randi Freeman deliver their *homeroom report.*

LOOKOUT

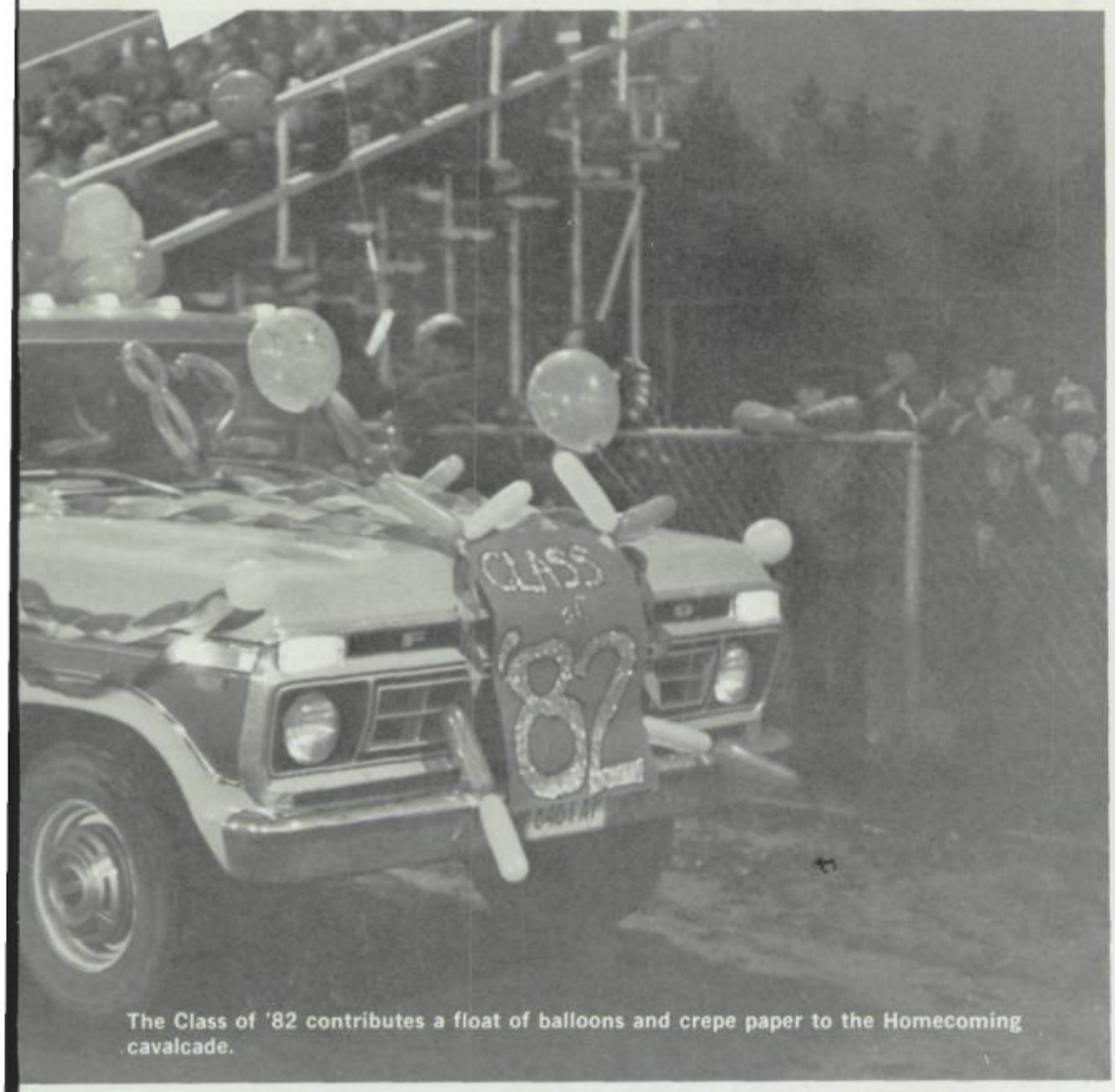
AFTER OVERCOMING OPENING HIGH SCHOOL JITTERS, THE FRESHMEN CAME ALIVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE CLASSES



At the Freshman dance, Carla Dixon and Tom Parker match their moves with the music.

Freshman Terry Jackovich hangs crepe paper in preparation for the Freshman dance.

Freshmen crowd the Little Theater for orientation, a helpful presentation priming newcomers to West Valley.



The Class of '82 contributes a float of balloons and crepe paper to the Homecoming cavalcade.

West Valley's newest additions, the Freshmen, started out the year with the expected disorganization. They overcame their initial shyness and began to work as a stable, single unit with the assistance of Sponsor Miss Wilbanks.

With the election of class officers in September, the class gained leadership and togetherness under the direction of President Shirley Hunter, Vice President Joann Sims, Secretary Wendy Conn, and Treasurer Christelle Ansart.

Making up for lost time, the Freshmen feverishly organized activities. These included bake sales, candy sales, and the February Freshman Dance. As their first year at West drew to a close, they planned a corsage sale as well as an end-of-the-term celebration.

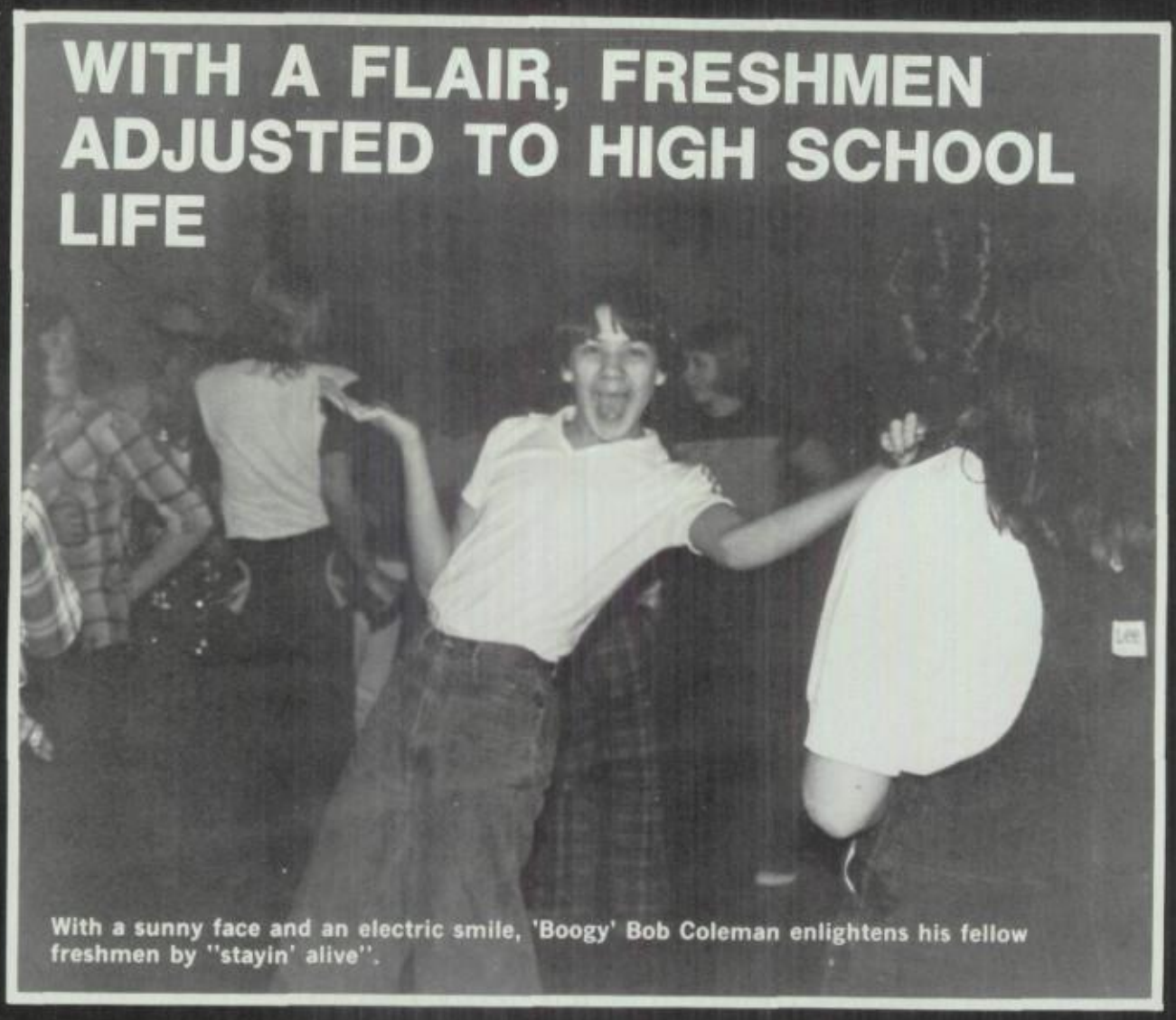
Miss Wilbanks was very proud of the entire class and felt they had done an outstanding job. Even though they did experience a slow start, they succeeded in winning many interclass competitions and Spirit Cup activities.

The Freshmen had an exceptionally good year and areanticipating even greater accomplishments in the future with their accumulated organization and experience.

Natalia Naske and Cheryl Looney are part of the excellent underclassman turnout at the Frosh dance.

Freshmen enthusiastically enter the Christmas spirit, and painter Debbie O'Dell contributes to their winning decoration effort.

WITH A FLAIR, FRESHMEN ADJUSTED TO HIGH SCHOOL LIFE



With a sunny face and an electric smile, 'Boogy' Bob Coleman enlightens his fellow freshmen by "stayin' alive".

Mori Achkio

Kari Allen

Victoria Allen
Christelle Ansart
Veronica Arabie
Kelly Armstrong
Blynn Baker

Bonnie Barber
Matthew Barkdull
Tammy Barnett
Charlotte Bassett
Bruce Bennett

Steven Best
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Connie Bignell
Tom Birklid
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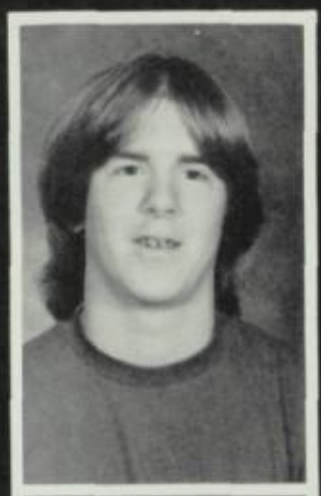

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Mike Burgett
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Scott Button

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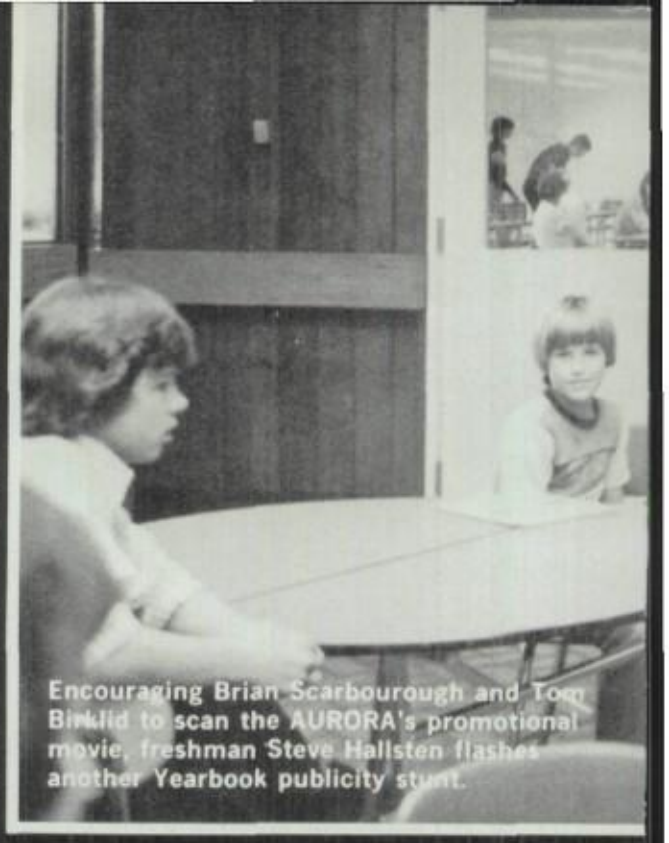

Encouraging Brian Scarbourough and Tom Birklid to scan the AURORA's promotional movie, freshman Steve Hallsten flashes another Yearbook publicity stunt.

Bob Coleman
Gregory Colonell
Wendy Conn
Heidi Cook
Tyler Cook

Walter Cook
Kurtis Cooney
Clay Copsey
Kelly Corrigan
Allan Coty

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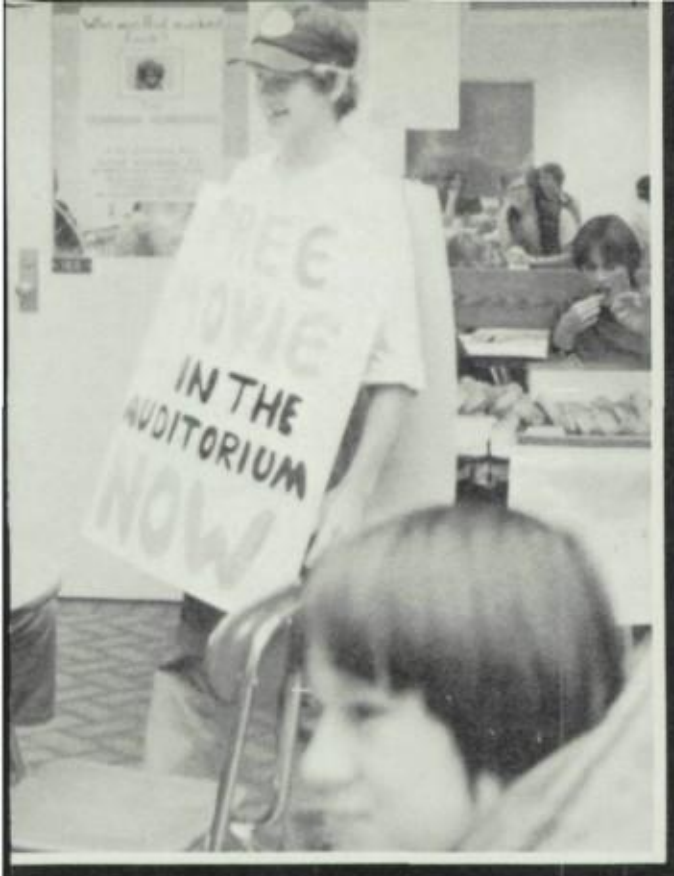
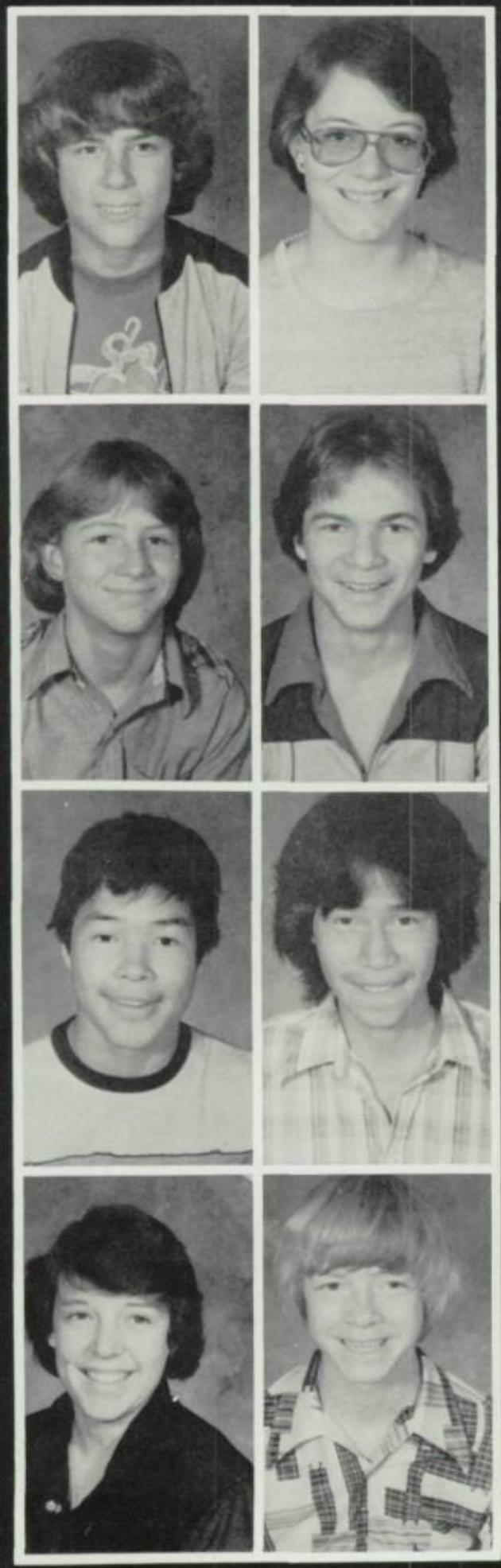
Delisa DeVargas
Stephanie Dial





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Eric Duke
Greg Duke

Douglas Ebenal
Bonnie Eckert
Karl Elbert
Jerry Evans
Katie Fellows

Joseph Finchen
Matt Fitzgerald
Frank Fleagle
Adam Foltz
Kurt Fowler

Brian Fox
Parker Frank
Monica Freeman
Randy Froese
Doug Gannon

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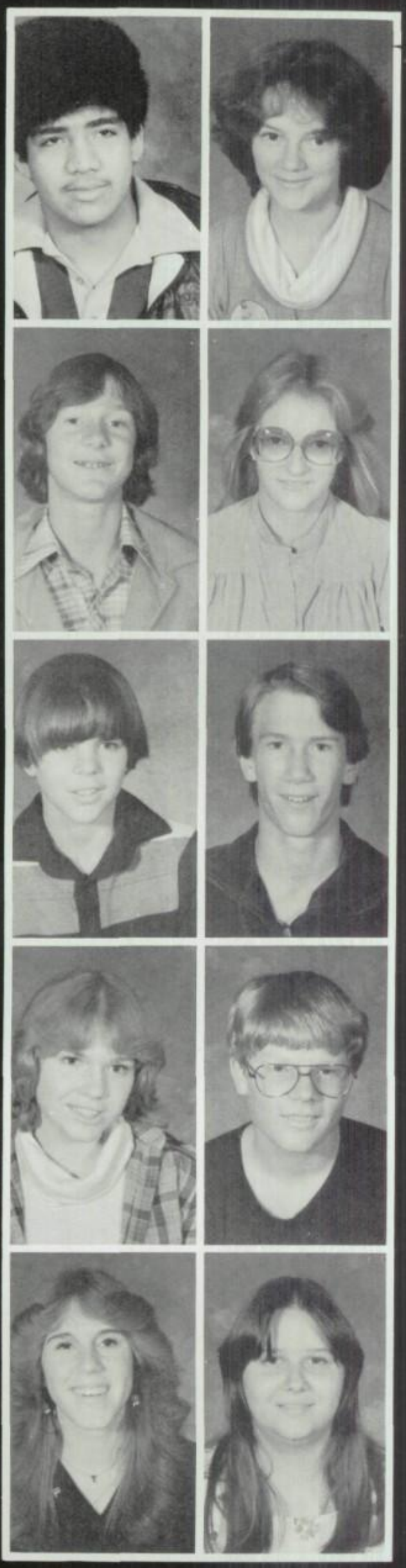
Mark Garwood
Doug Gedney
Deidre Geist
Kim Gibson

FRESHMEN WERE INTRODUCED TO VALUABLE SKILLS



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Geoffrey Grill
Todd Gunter
Wade Gurtler

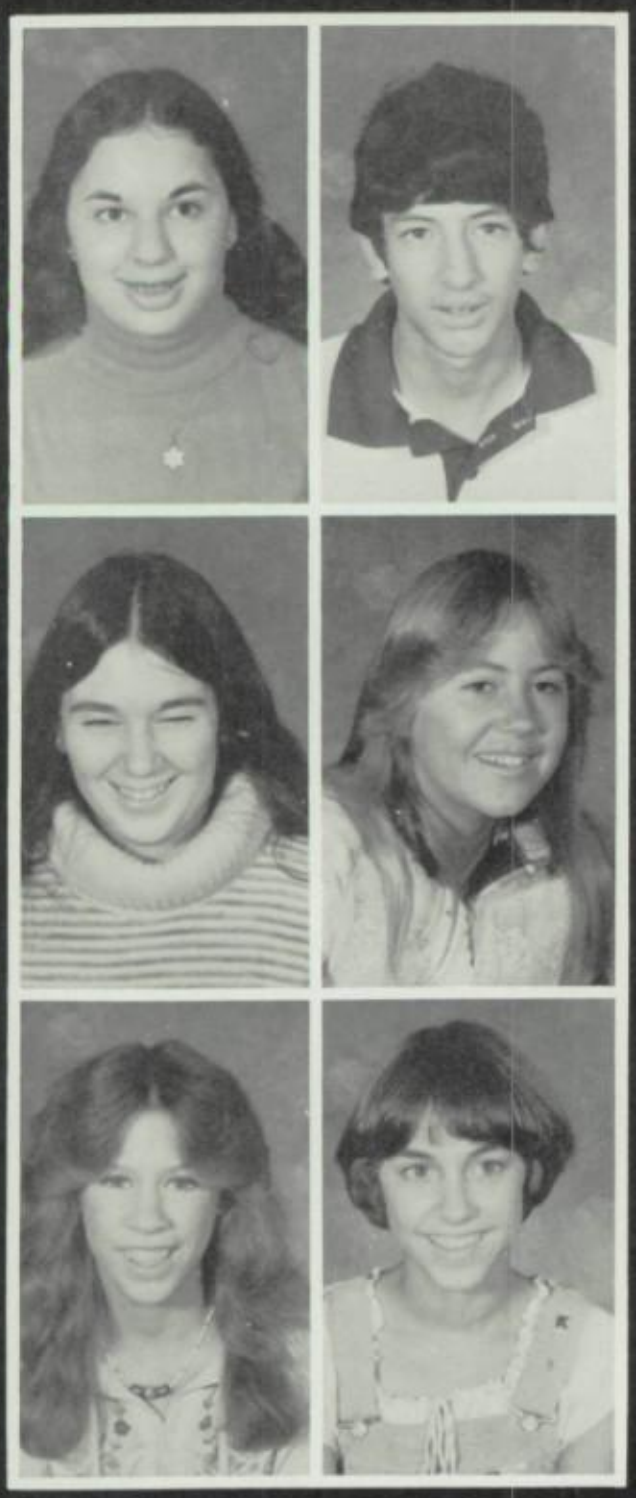
Eric Gutgesell
Grace Hafele
Stephan Hallsten
Bella Hamilton
Janet Hand

Keith Harbo
Mark Hassebroek
Laura Herron
Henry Howard
Julie Howard

Julie Hudson
Thomas Hunt
Shirley Hunter
James Husek
Stacey Hutton

Terri Jackovich
Carol Jaschek
Daniel Johnson
Laura Johnson
Robert Johnson

Keyed up Freshmen Stacey Hutton, Ruth Milan and Janet Hand learn a valuable business skill.



Edward Jonas
Sherry Kailing

Kevin Kaltenbach
Kevin Karella

Alisa Katai
Carl Kegley
Eric Keith
Edward Kellerman
Patrick Kennebec

Brandy Kent
Sharon Kiernan
Brad King
Rufus King
Marlyn Kirkvold

Chari Klick
Kristen Kohler
Jerrie Kuhn
Deno Lagray
Lisa LaJiness

HARD WORK BLENDED WITH RELAXATION . . .

Cathy Lambert
Steven Larson
Victor Lemay
James Lester
Theresa Lewis

Paul Lillie
Ricky Lizotte
Cheryl Looney
Bob Lowe
Lori Lundgren

Michael Lyman
Camerin Macarthur
Tawnia Manning
Darla Marlow
William Martz

Athletic Freshman Lori Nordgulen strides out during a fall Cross Country meet at Eielson.

Jennifer Maschner
Diane Matheny
Eric Mayo

Michael McCarthy
Sheila McCumby
Daniel McGill

MADE FRESHMAN LIFE EXCITING

Daniel McGill
Charles McMillian
Charles McPherson

William Merritt
Robert Mikalsen
Ruth Milan

Aurora staffer Kari Allen pauses to ponder during a rare moment of relaxation in Yearbook.

Catherine Miles
Tracy Miller
Wesley Mills
Jeff Moehlin
Michael Moore

Blane Muhlethaler
Sharman Murphree
Tara Murphy
William Nance
Natalia Naske

Robert Nice
Kent Noble
Lori Nordgulen
Nora Norum
Shawn O'Rear

FROSH PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES

Claudia Ocampos
Debbie O'Dell
Robert Olsen
Amy Owen
Laureen Palembas

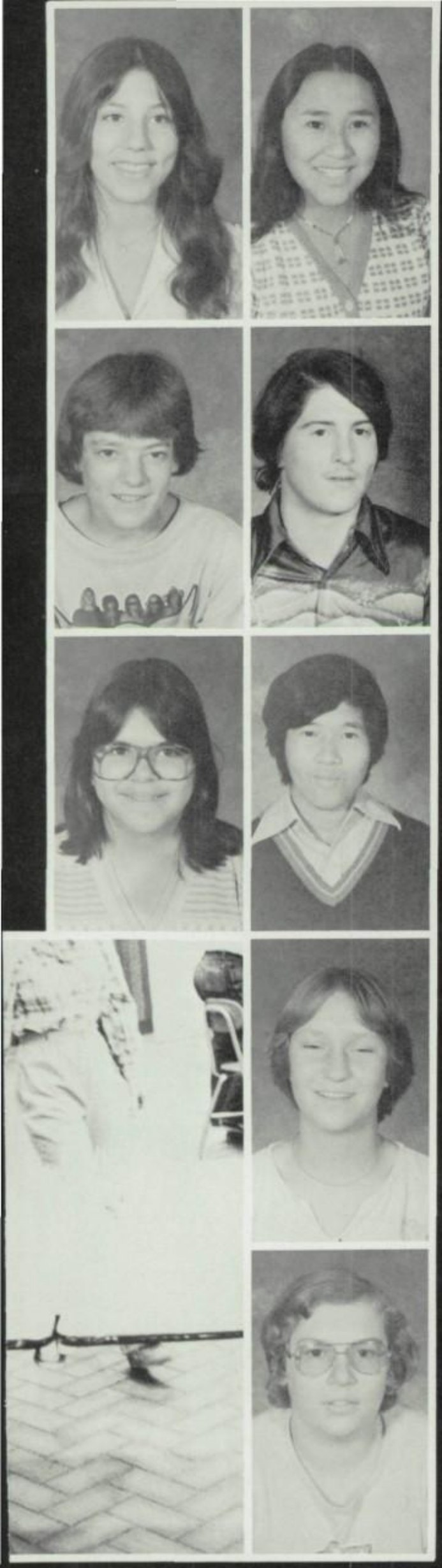
Colleen Palmer
William Papp
Thomas Parker
Jesse Perkins
Carol Perkowski

Robert Platz
Chris Poland
Kevin Pollock
Patricia Prentiss
Darrell Pritchard

George Pursey
Leslie Quakenbush
Chris Rawlins

Scott Reeburgh
Kim Reed
Kristin Reisland

Demonstrating spirit, involvement, and dedication so important to West's youngest class, freshman Brian Scarbourgh sells candied apples for the rifle team.



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Darlene Riley
Ron Rocheleau
Matthew Rogers
Brad Rohloff

Danny Ronken
Ward Rosadiuk
Margaret Rowe
Donald Runberg
Tamara Sanchez

Joan Santora
Ryoichi Sato
Brian Scarborough
Fred Schikora
Gina Schroeder

Mary Shroyer
Joann Sims
Laura Slabaugh
Shawn Slaughter

Vernon Smith
Leann Soderstrom
Randi Sole
Scott Spencer

Shelli Springer

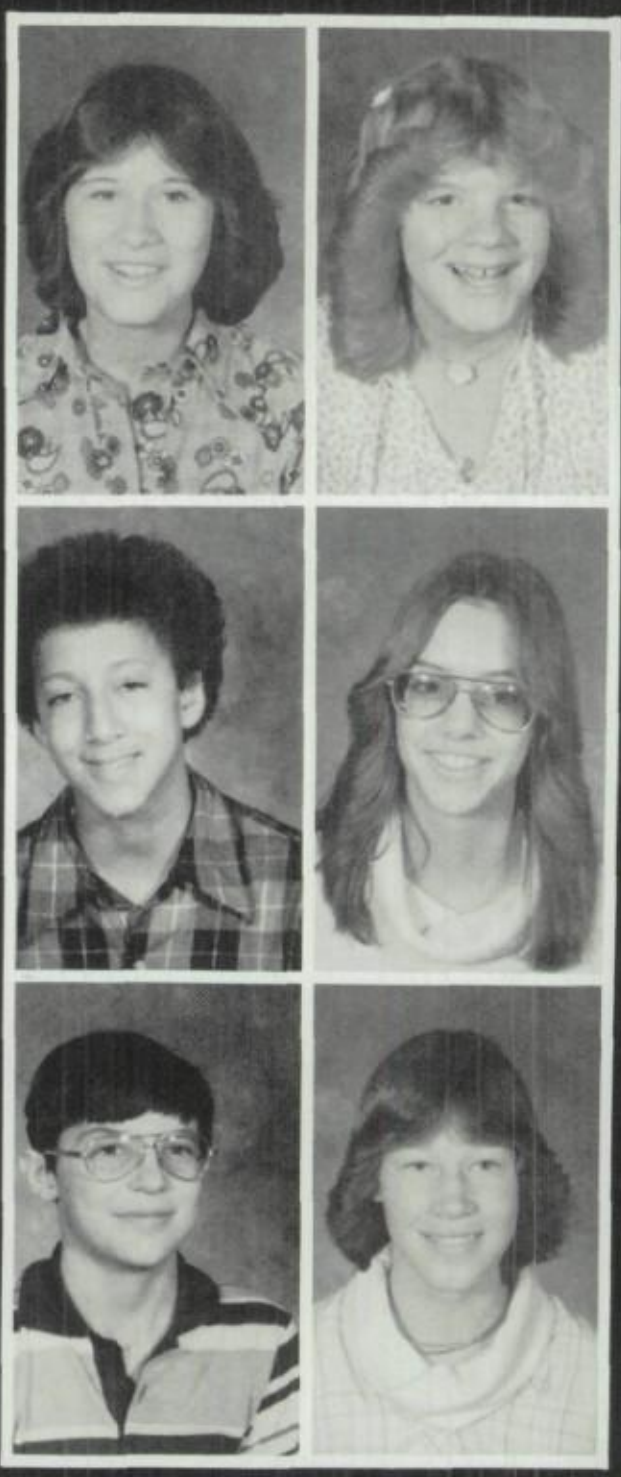
Christine Staley

Freshman Shawn Slaughter watches intently as Ruby Cogan rolls for her next move in French Monopoly under the watchful eye of Amro Elshamma.

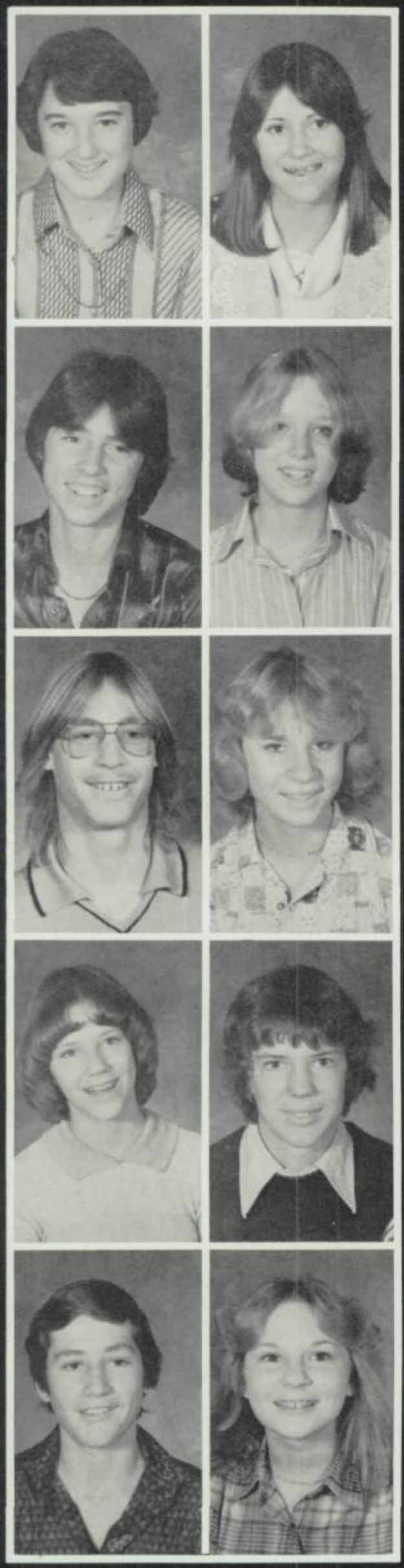
Kathy Stone
Tamsin Stone
Misty Sundgren
Marie Thomas
Julie Thompson

Randy Thompson
Patrick Tilton
Dan Tisdale
Sean Tonkins
Holly Tufford

Gregory Tuminella
Jill Turner
Lance Valentine
Helen Vanairsdale



FUN IS PART OF THE FROSH GAME



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Kathy Vanderpool
Karen VanHatten
Jim VanHoomissen

Ken Vehmeier
Tina Walker
Coke Wallace
Darrell Wamhoff
David Wareham

Patrick Webb
Kristie Weber
Jim Wedemeyer
Bristol Weeden
Dana Wells

Kari Wennen
Andrew White
Mike Wien
Michael Williams
Robert Williams

Bill Winterer
April Young
Stephanie Zeitler
Lea Zunker

UP AND COMING

LARGE IN NUMBER AND SATURATED IN SPIRIT, THE SOPHOMORE CLASS RANKED HIGH IN PARTICIPATION

Three hundred and thirteen students strong, West's Sophomore class was both large and involved. The Sophomores sponsored a dance, sold mums and participated in all of the pep rallies and individual competitions for the Spirit Cup.

The Sophomores hosted the second annual Sadie Hawkins Dance and expected a large turnout of students clad in overalls and straw hats.

By crowning Dave Lambert and Heidi Koerfer Sophomore Prince and Princess respectively and by selling mums, the Sophomore class involved itself with West's Homecoming Dance.

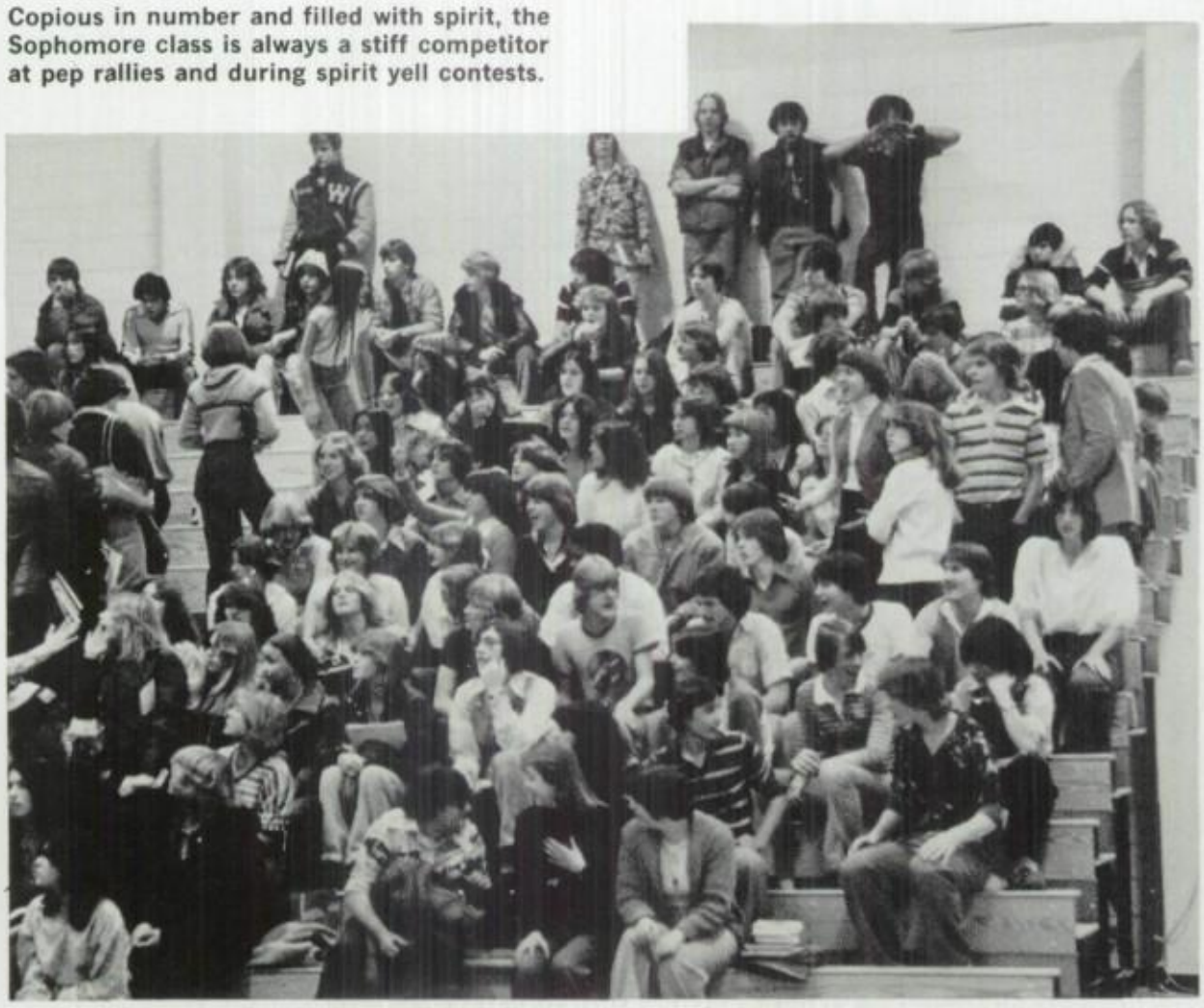
With the possible exception of the Sadie Hawkins Dance, the Sophomores' biggest fund-raiser involved the sale of candy canes during school prior to Christmas vacation.

In addition to taking part in all of West's pep rallies, the Sophomore class was very much involved with the Spirit Cup competition. The competition for the Spirit Cup, including the Fifties Day costume contest which the Sophomores won, consistently promoted stiff competition between the Sophomore class and the Junior class.

Class Adviser Marvilla Davis working closely with Bob Burcell, President as well as with other Sophomore class officers and representatives, led the Sophomores through a year characterized by activity and student involvement.

Halloween costume contestant Sonja Rosenberg proves which is witch.

Copious in number and filled with spirit, the Sophomore class is always a stiff competitor at pep rallies and during spirit yell contests.



Studious Sophomore Helen Schruf gets a surprise from yearbook photographer Dawn Borjesson.

Devoted Sophomore representative Diana DeVargas works diligently to make decorations for the Sophomore hall during Halloween hall decorating.

Taking time out from school work, Cathy Keyes gives a grin during study time in the library.

"Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!" enthusiastic Sophomores Laurie Klepper, Lori Baughman, Chris Wilhelm, Kelly Wien, Jann Laiti, Debbie Reynolds and Kathy Kohler exemplify their class spirit as they wait to be judged at the Halloween costume contest.

The Sophomores' class float embodied the Homecoming theme thoroughly as shown here in the Homecoming halftime parade.

THE LARGEST CLASS IN THE SCHOOL: SOPHOMORES

Casey Ahkvualuk
Corey Allen
Edward Allen
Marlynn Allen
Troy Anacker

Glen Anderson
Tim Anderson
Brian Ashton

Debbie Austin
Partricia Barclay
Darryl Bartlett

Ralph Bartlett
Lori Baughman
Jeff Baurick

Vast numbers of sophomores dominate the

Sandra Bennett
Carl Benson
Shelli Bertrand
Bill Bidwell
Karyn Bignell

crowd during an in-school assembly.

Brent Birklid
Ken Blair
Kurt Blair
Jeff Bleeker
Jeff Bleeker
Bob Bodewig

Billy Boelens
Greg Bovee
Dawn Bratten

Jennifer Brice
Kim Brown
Deane Buchanan

Bob Burcell
Indrek Burggraf
Jodi Bushey

Dana Button
Amy Cameron
Crystal Campbell
Jana Cannon
Stephen Carboy

Ruth Carlson
Darrell Case
Randall Castoe
Peggy Chappell
Curtis Cheek

Teresa Ciak
Ann Clark
Tom Clark
Ruby Cogan
Susan Cole

Mathew Colonell
Kim Cooney
Cindy Coty
William Coty
Carolyn Cox

Lisa Craft
Chris Croll

Tom Daugherty
Kelly Degabain

During lunch hour Helen Schruf and Bill DeLany welcome a break from class.

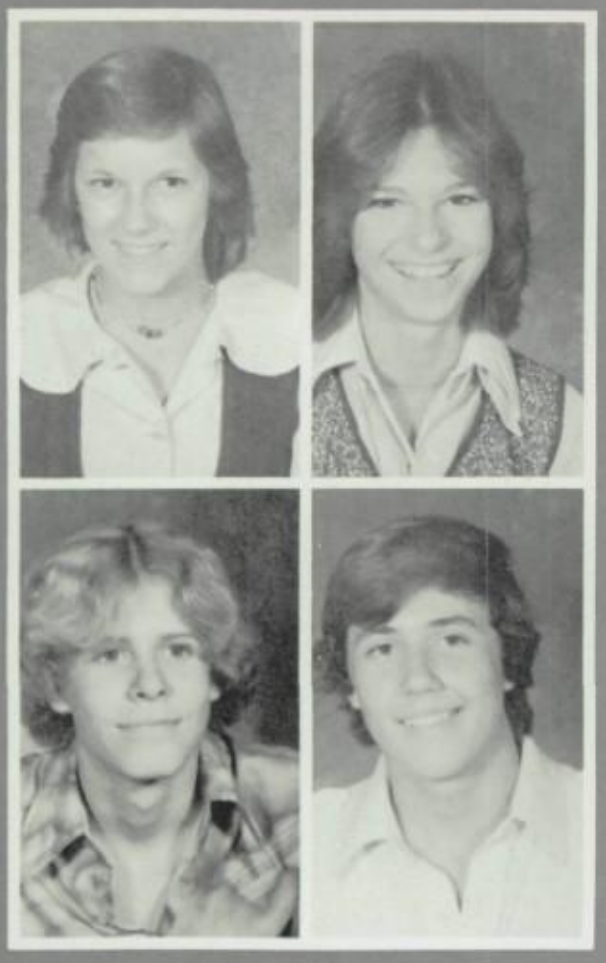
SOPHOMORES REHEARSE THE FINE ART OF RELAXATION IN '79

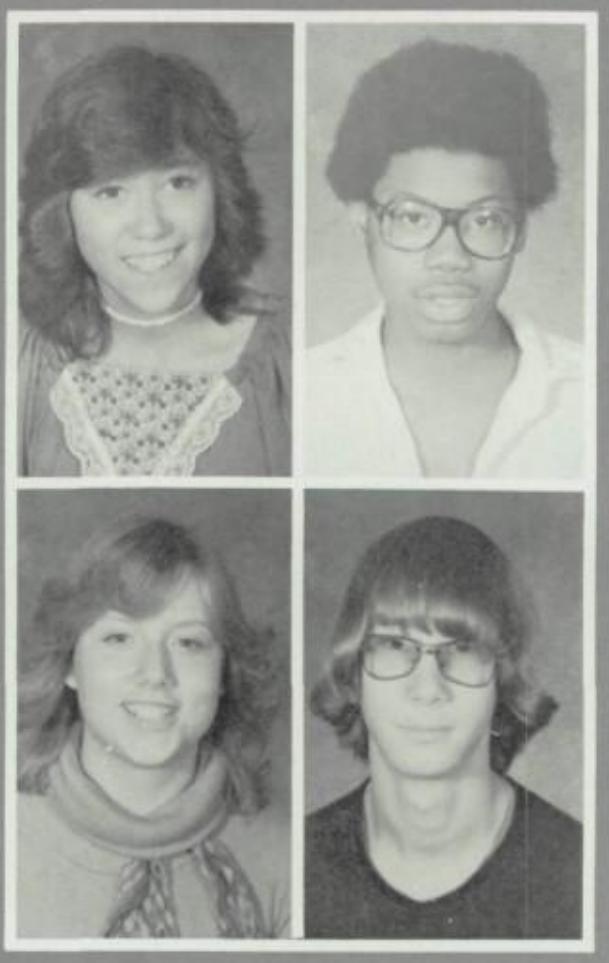
Evelyn Degen
Bill Delany
Teresa Delima
Richard Descloux
Joe Desrochers

Gossip and giggles come from Tony Sanchez and Mary McWhirter.

Diana Devargas

Debora Dinkel





Becky Drum
Terry Durgan
Julie Ebenal
Vincent Edwards
Amro Elshamma

Mike Engfer
Richard Erickson
Inga Espe
Scott Evans
Katherine Eyth

Jaylen Fenton
Tim Fleagle
Andy Flodin
Sandy Flodin
Tami Fowler

Cindy France
Joann Fried
Teresa Gaiser
Donna Geist
Tammy Gettinger

Kathy Gibson
Ken Gibson
Verla Gilbertson
Theresa Gleason
Lisa Goldgehn

Calle Gonzalas
Eric Gosink
Scott Gruber
Diana Hall
Ronald Hand

Keith Hardenbrook
Jim Harpster
Heather Harris
Bonnie Hartley
Nathan Hawkins

Unwearied sophomores Dave Lambert and Bill Bidwell present their artistic abilities as they design a poster.

Tom Haywood
Jamie Heider
Stephen Henry

THREAD, PAPER, AND PENS PROVE THAT SOPHOMORES HARBOR ARTISTIC ABILITIES

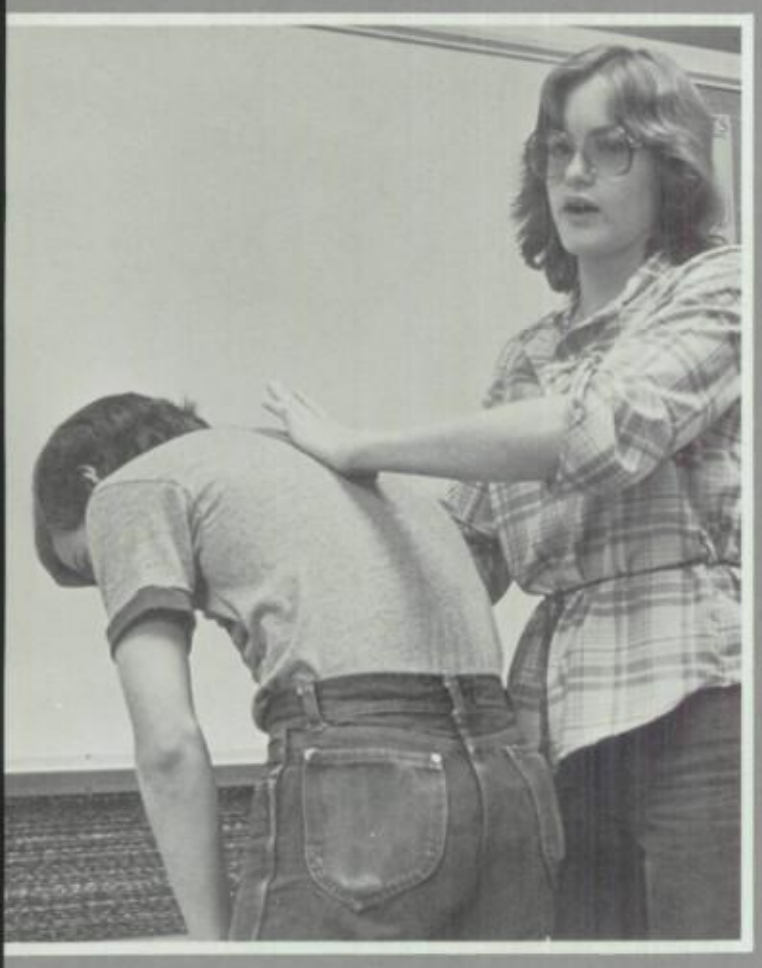
Dan Herning
Karen Hines

Glen Hidden
Grinnell Hisamoto
James Hobbs

Edward Hoch
Rainer Hollerbach
Doug Holman

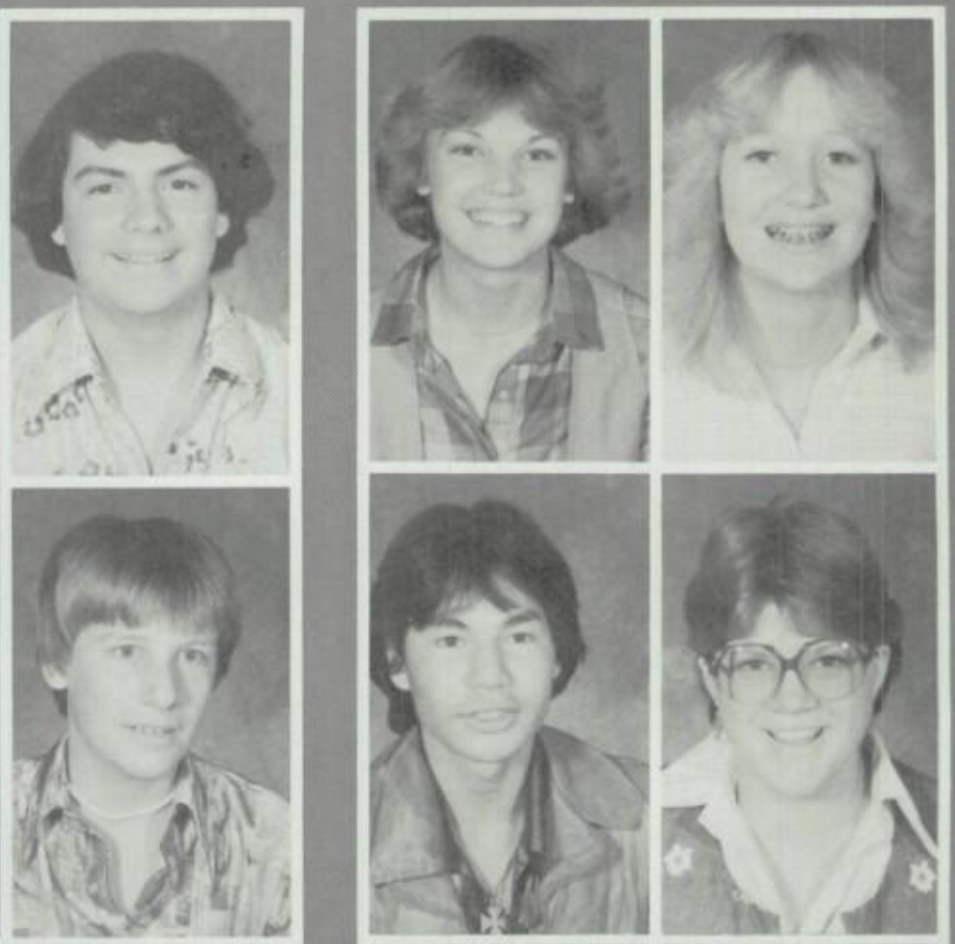
Though not quite Spiderman, Mark Neihold does his at spinning a web.

SOPHOMORES RECEIVED PUNISHING TREATMENT BUT MADE IT THROUGH THE YEAR



Preparing to demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver, a life-sving technique for choking victimes, Ruby Cogan gives Nathan Hawkins a pat on the back.

Ronald Holmes
Cindy Hoppner
Kathy Howard



Todd Hume
Bobby Hunter
Shari Huntsman

Wade Huntsman
Penny Irby
Sherie Isaacson
Owen Jackson
Steve Jackson

Reid Jeglum
Abbie Johnson
Grant Johnson
Kim Johnson
Robin Johnson

Vincent Johnson
Edna Jonas
Susan Jones
Margaret Kelly
Kevin Kenaston

The psuedo-agonized face of Terry Durgan exaggerates the pain of a tine test administered by Nurse Wilcox.

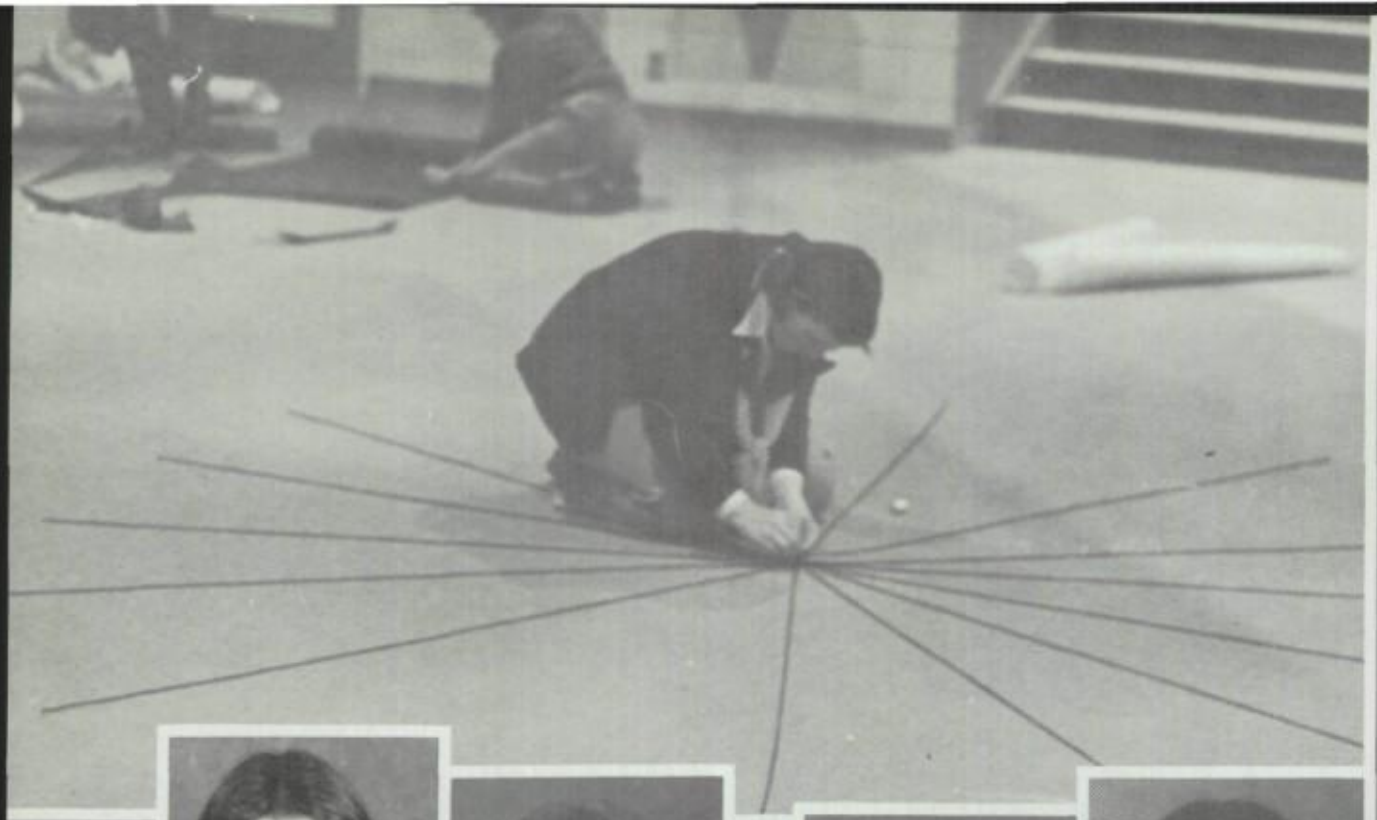
Cathy Keyse
Kelly Kipp
Deborah King

Gillian King
Gloria King
Jim Kirkvold

Laura Klein
Laurie Klepper
Duke Kniffen
Donna Koelzer
Heidi Koerfer

Kathy Kihler
Eric Krejci
Todd Krier
Jann Laiti
David Lambert

Debbie La Pore
Nora Lauridsen
Joseph Lavery
Mimi Lee
Jon Leonard



Getting to the center of things, Anne Walters carefully constructs a web for Halloween Hall decor.

David Lester

John Lillie
Ester Lindemann
David Lokken
Tami Lord
Lauri Loud

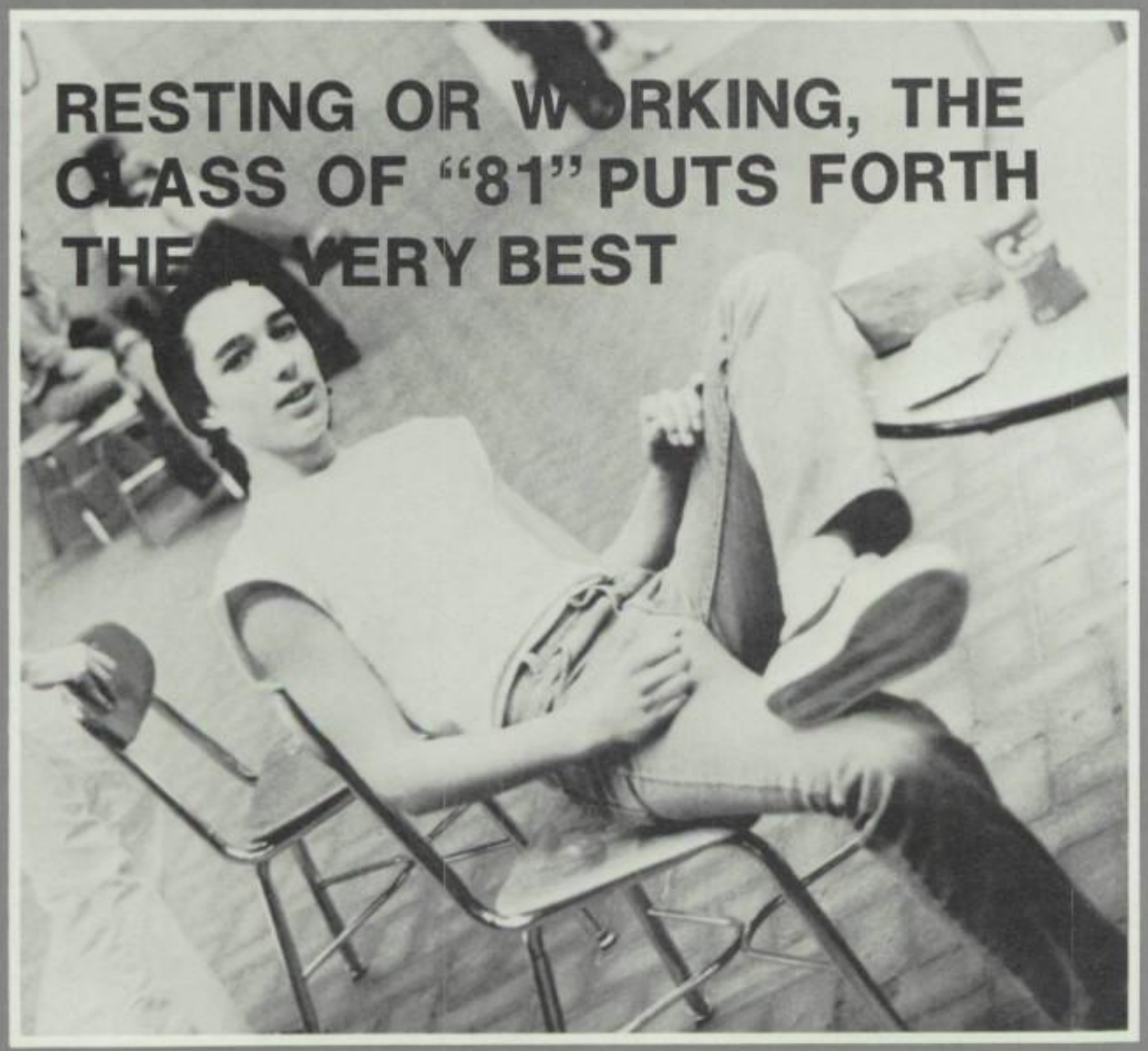
Michael Lu
Johnna Lterbach
Bucky Mahler
Jody Mane
Malinda Manning

Tyra Martsolf
Dean Maschner
Tammy Matthews
Donald May
Kevin McCarroll

Paul McCarthy
Kim McDonald
Traci McGhie
Patrick McGraw

Jennie McLean
Michelle McWhirter
Keith Meekins
Lori Meiers
Amber Mills

RESTING OR WORKING, THE CLASS OF "81" PUTS FORTH THE VERY BEST



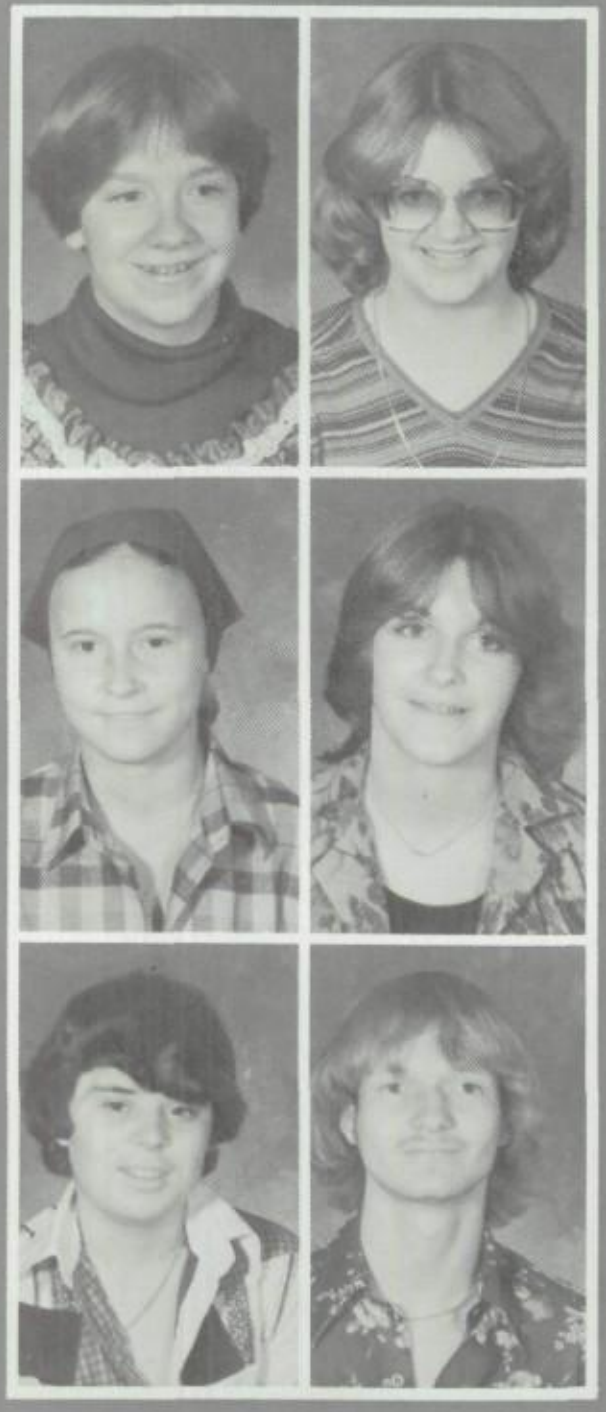
Robert Minoque

John Monroe

Cool cat on campus Robin Montgomery exemplifies the spirit of 50's day.

Robin Montgomery
Scott Morgan
Natalie Muhlthaler
Jerry Mustard
Kara Nance

Class of '81 members Helen Schruf and Laurie Klepper create Christmas spirit as they prepare hall decorations.



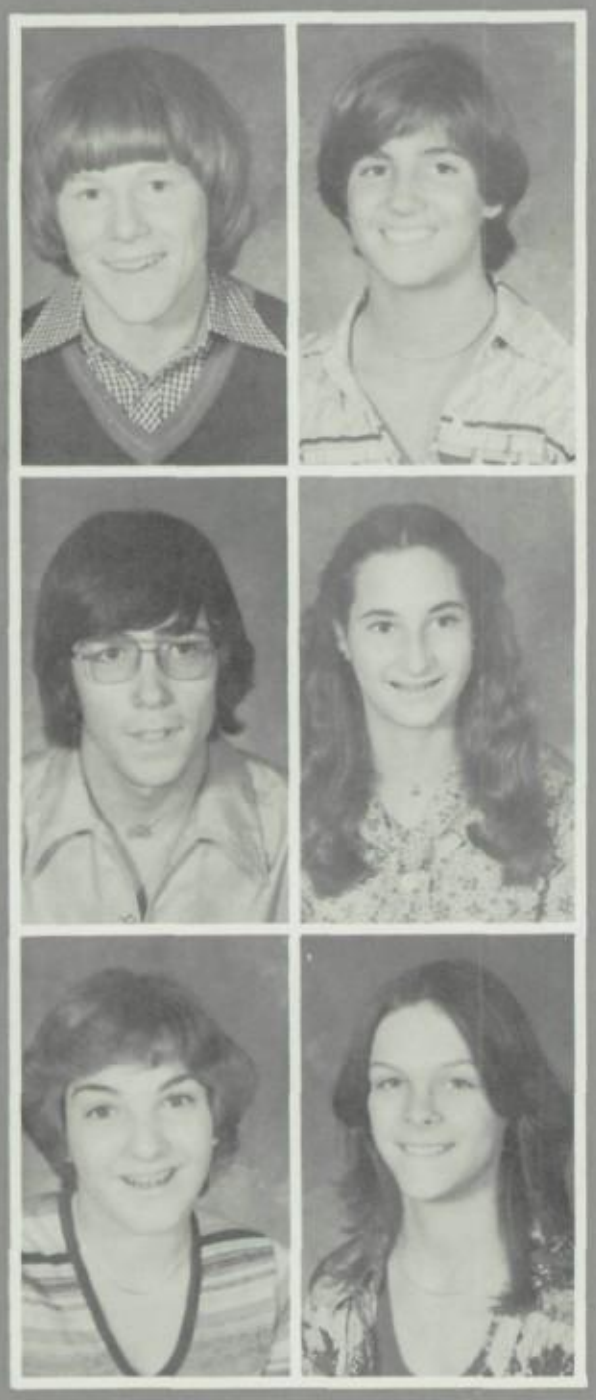
Mark Neidhold

Rose Mary Nowland

Kim O'Brien
Gustavo Ocampos
Becky Oliphant
Leanne Olmstead
Tim Olson

Laurel Orand
Catherine Owen
Michele Palmer
Judy Pears
James Pedrick

Mark Perry
Russell Peterman
Jerry Pippen
Philip Pirie



Studious sophomores Jodi Bushey, Dave Lambert, Jay Fenton and Shelli Bertrand use library time to work collectively on homework.

Kevin Pomeroy
Suzan Posthumus
Dennis Price
Joel Reed
Debra Reynolds

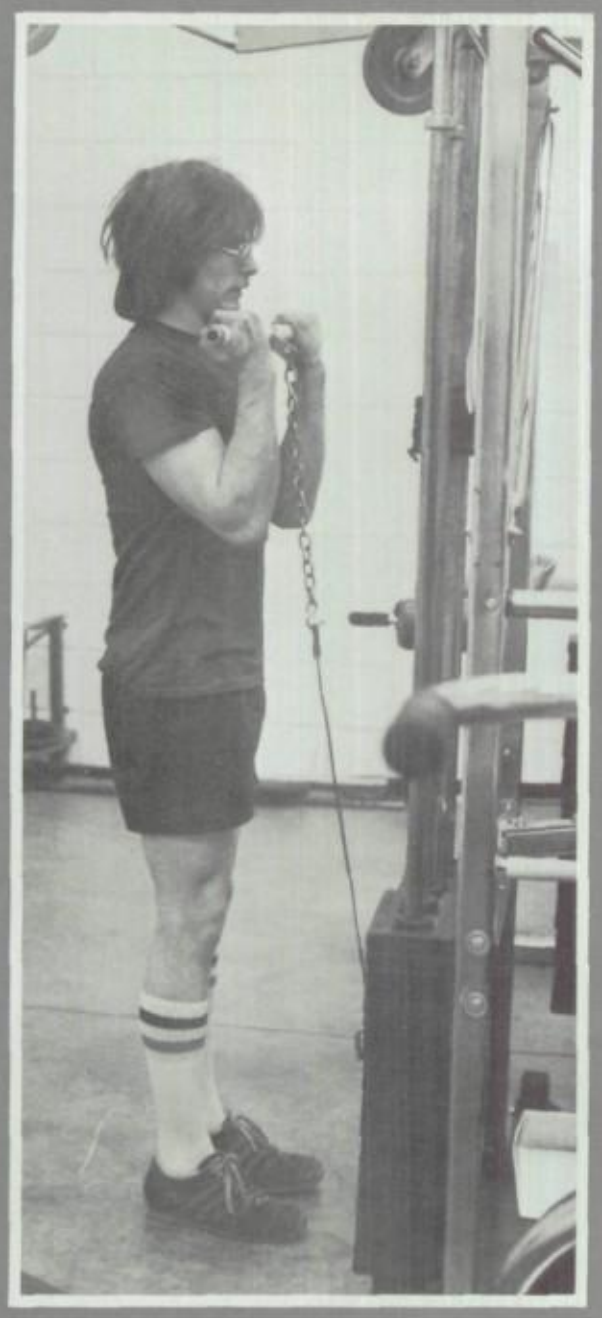
Randy Reynolds
Kathleen Rhines
Steve Rice
Aurora Robinson
Deborah Rohloff

Peggy Rose
Sonja Rosenberg
Jim Roth
Lonny Rowe
Tom Rowinski

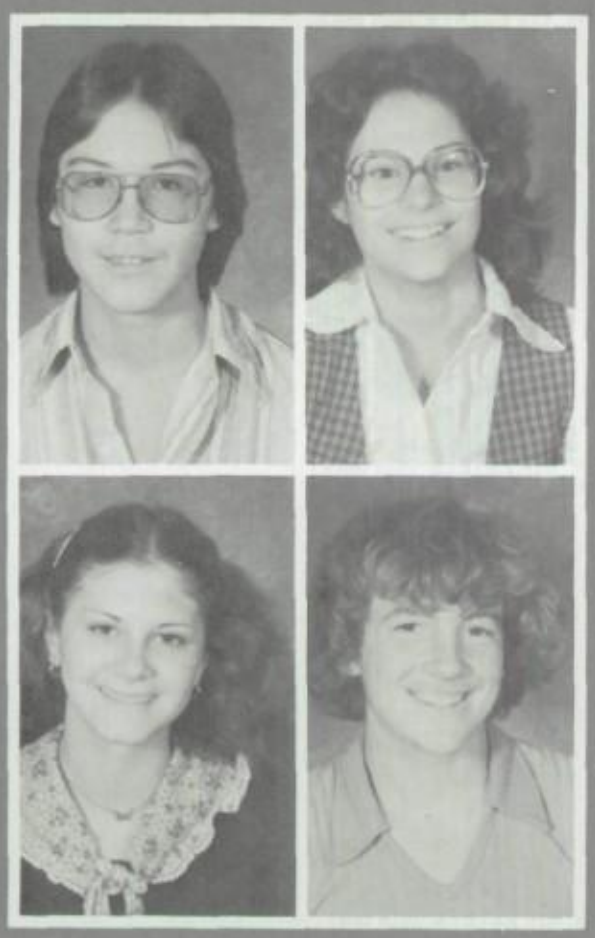
Karl Sackinger

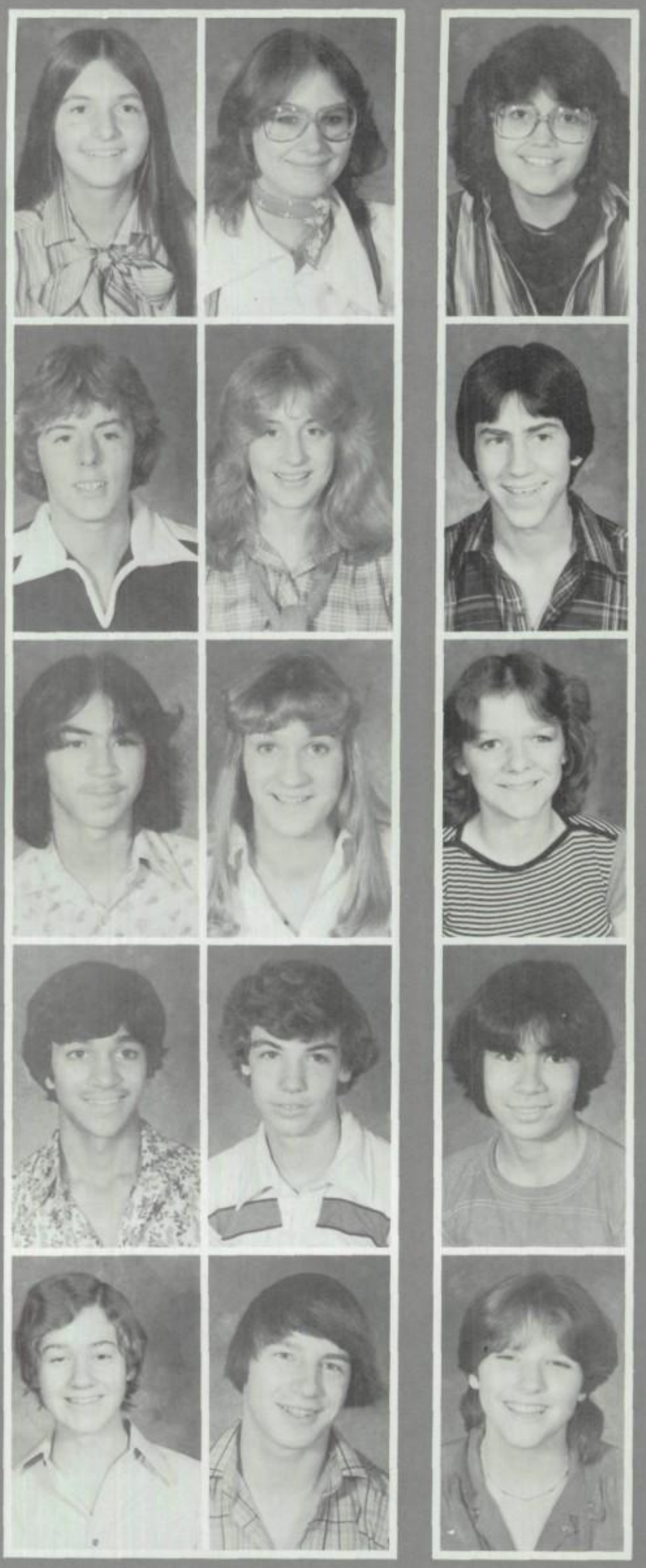
Dewayne Sanderson

ACTIVE SOPHOMORES WORKED AND STROVE TOWARDS '81



A muscle-building course is one of the many activities in which students like Todd Gardner are involved.





Joan Scarborough
DeeDee Schaff
Geri Schloesser

Samuel Schneider
Jill Schoenleber
Dale Schroeder

Ronald Schroeder
Helen Schruf
Dianna Schulz

Christopher Senungetuk
Linda Shalz
Arun Sharma
Benny Shilling
Dana Simmons

Lori Simmons
Kipp Sims
Robert Sims
Kraig Smyth
Karen Sole

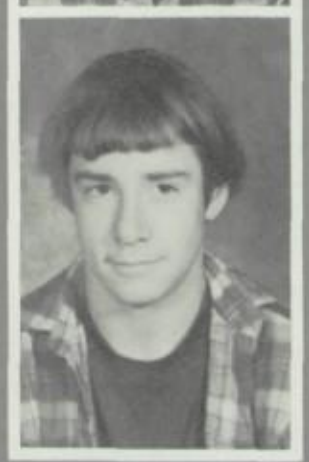
SOPHOMORES BUILT THEIR FUTURES AS THEY PROGRESSED TOWARD '81

Tammy Spencer
Alan Staples
John Stinson
Susan Stone
Jan Stratsma

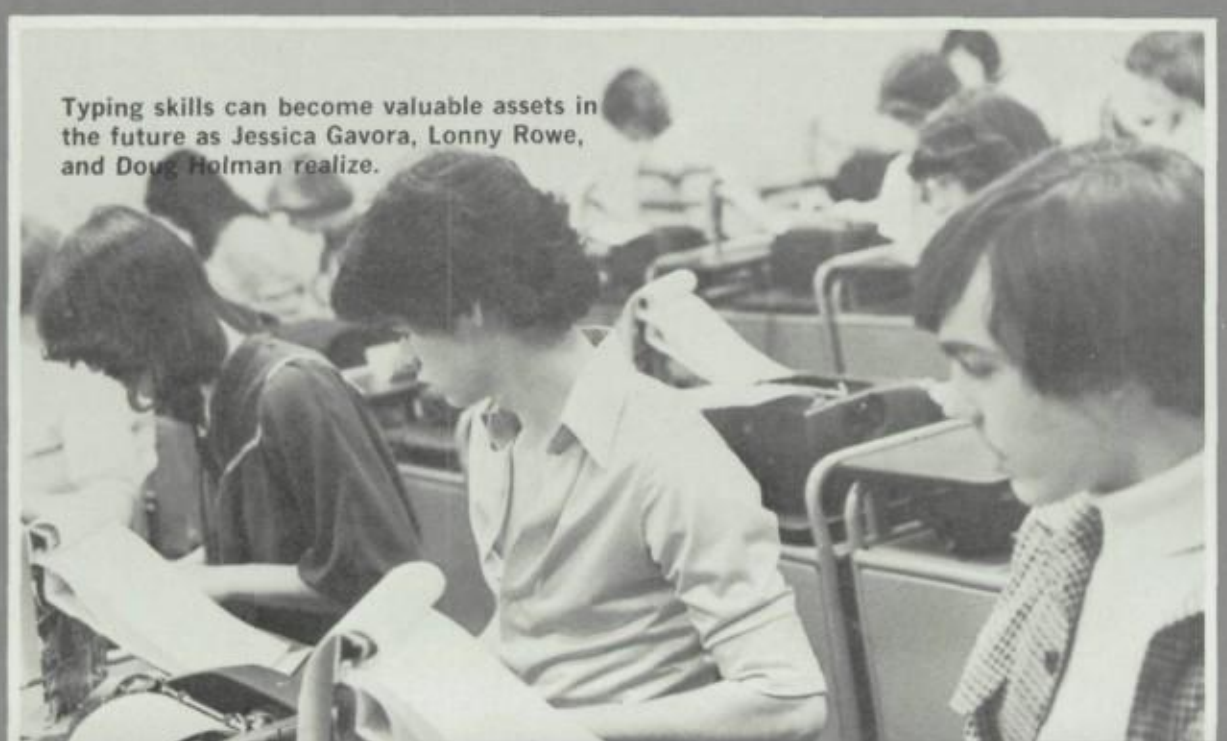
Mahla Strohmaier
Adam Sundgren
Dennis Swarthout
David Swartz
Randy Talvi

Sandra Taylor
Kris Teal
Tyrone Thomas
Leif Thompson
Rick Thompson

Tena Thorson
Gerolline Titus
Jennifer Tomany
Brandon Tomlinson
Eva Tonkins

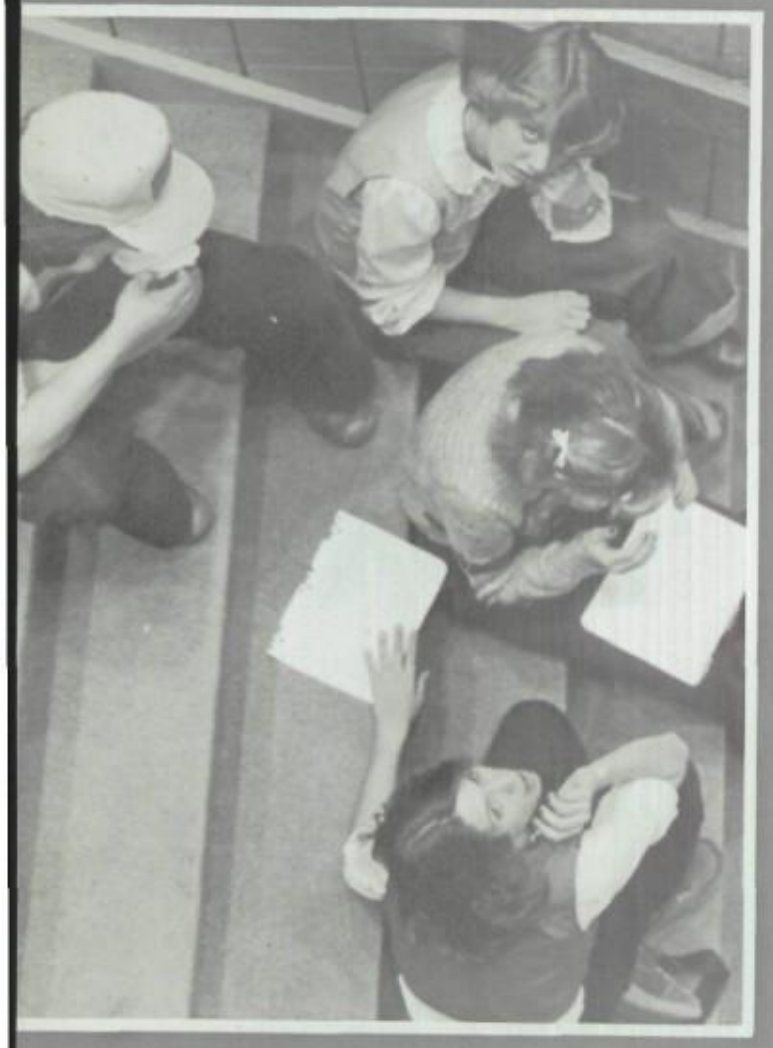


Clay Triplehorn



Typing skills can become valuable assets in the future as Jessica Gavora, Lonny Rowe, and Doug Holman realize.

Convening on a side stairway is the afterschool social committee. CLOCKWISE: Fred Randolph, Kathy Kohler, Laurie Klepper, Lori Baughman.



Craig Tounce
Jeff Tuminella
Ginna Undereiner
Julie Vanderpool
Pattie Vanderpool

Tom Van Flein
Robert Varwig
Richard Vehmeier
John Viator
Paul Viator

Ted Vincent
Joe Voorhees
Diana Walin

Paige Wallace
Ann Walter
Ben Weaver

Woody Weber
Dale Welty
Todd White

Cari Wiedeman

Kelly Wien

Relishing a break from a rigorous swim meet in Valdez, Carl Benson and Laura Klein bask in the sun.

Chris Wilhelm
Chris Williams
Leah Williams
Aaron Wilson
Scott Winner

Marie Witkowski
Todd Wolf
Ann Woods
Craig Woods
David Woods

Scott Woodward
Phil Yonker
Allison Young
David Zahn
Diana Zunker

SPIRITED STUDENTS MADE UP THE CLASS OF '81

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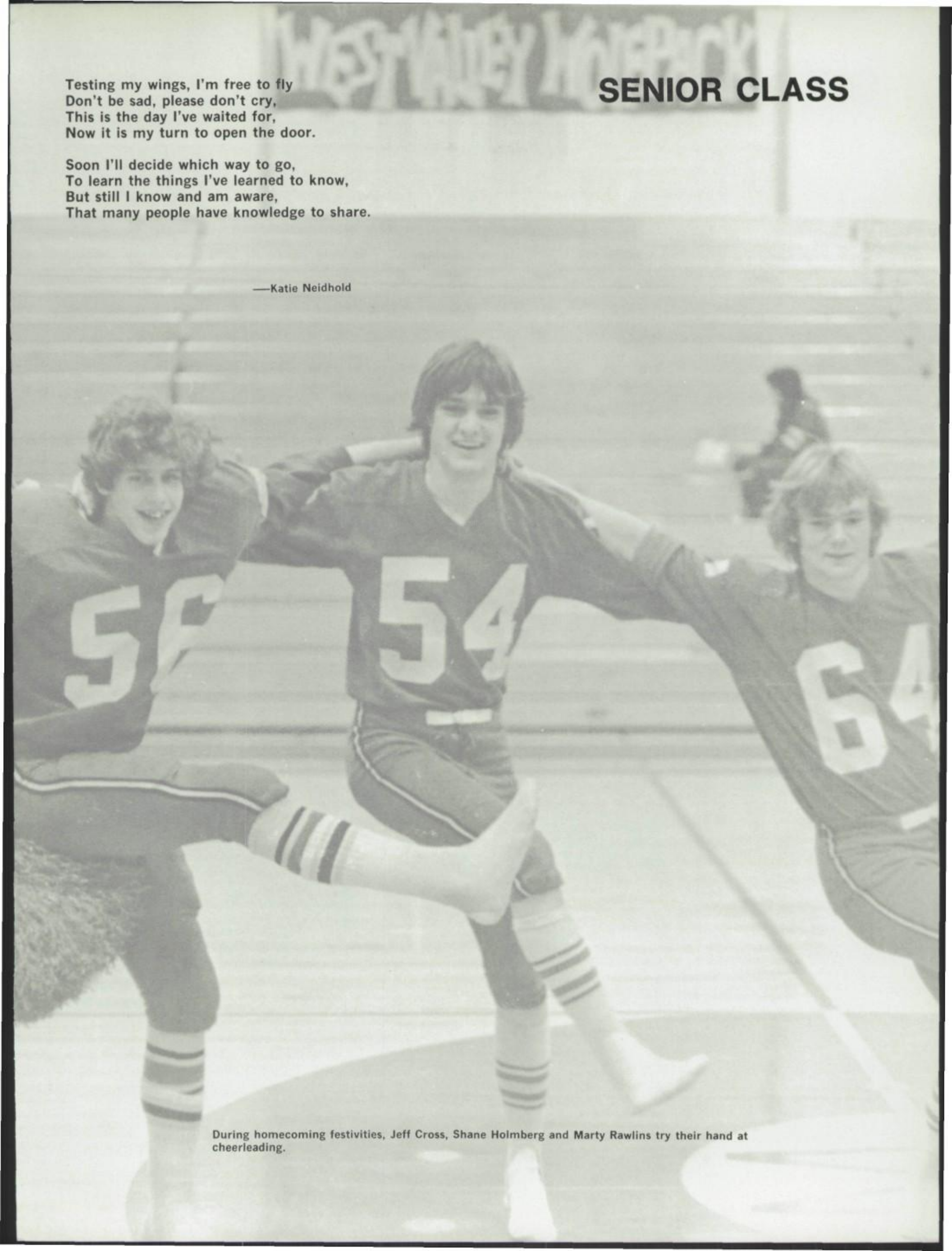
'The past is never dead' is somewhat reflected in jitterbuggers Katie Neidhold and Paul Milans' dress habit.

SENIOR CLASS

Testing my wings, I'm free to fly
Don't be sad, please don't cry,
This is the day I've waited for,
Now it is my turn to open the door.

Soon I'll decide which way to go,
To learn the things I've learned to know,
But still I know and am aware,
That many people have knowledge to share.

—Katie Neidhold

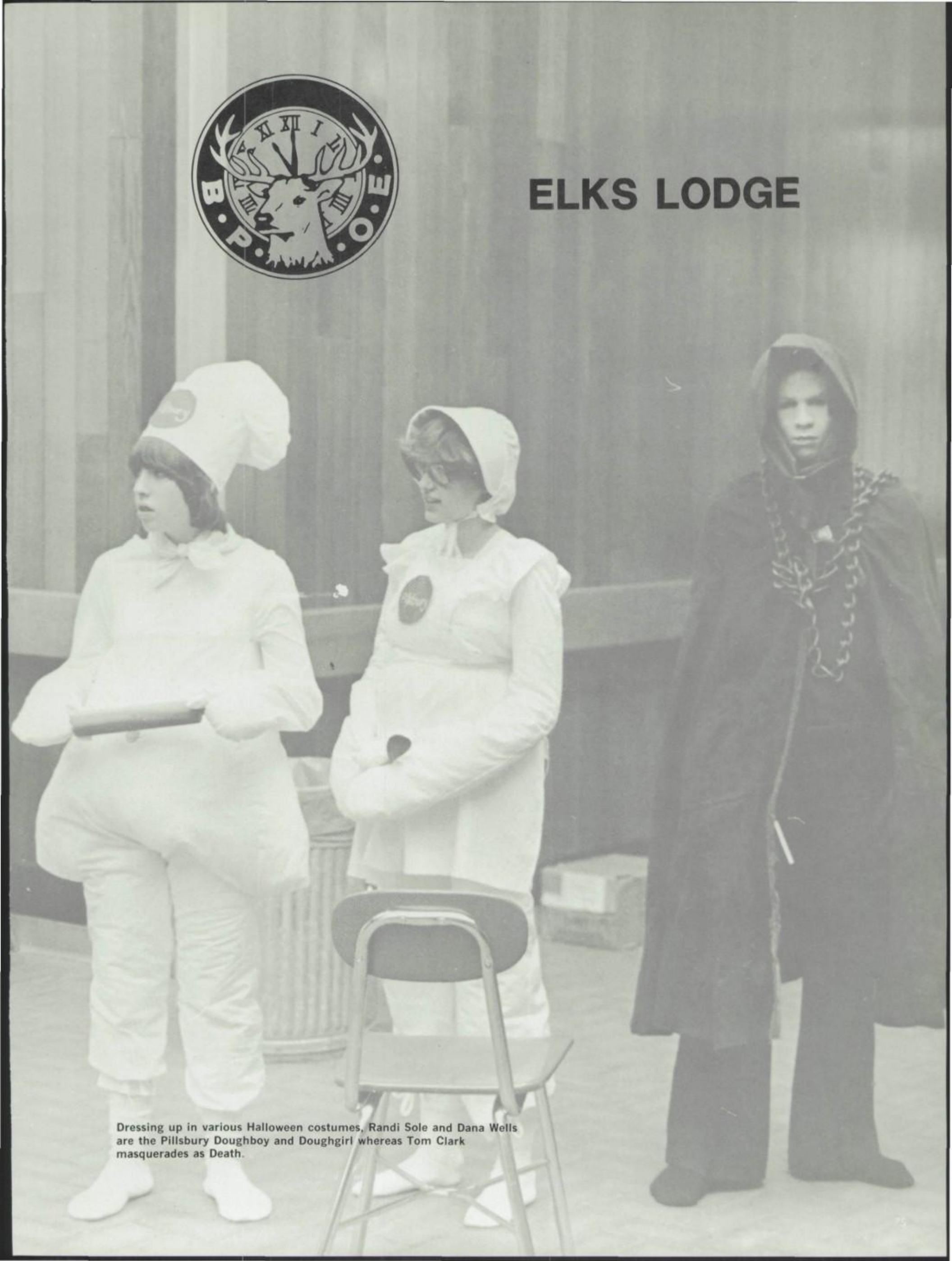


During homecoming festivities, Jeff Cross, Shane Holmberg and Marty Rawlins try their hand at cheerleading.

GOLDPANNER SERVICE

Doing a number 1 job for the number 1 school, Wolfpack mascot Laura Winford and driver "Chicken" Borjesson pursue higher spirit.

ELKS LODGE



Dressing up in various Halloween costumes, Randi Sole and Dana Wells are the Pillsbury Doughboy and Doughgirl whereas Tom Clark masquerades as Death.

THE PHILISTINE LIBERATION DISORGANIZATION

A.P. English

Be Quiet!
The Scarlet Letter "F"
It got better
Great Kaopectations
Beobung
Oedipus Retch
Bip!
Thane of Avedon

The Rice Krispies Day Speech
Dearest Chuck
How Byronic
Shutup Flo
Hardy-har-har
Scurry
Quit fussing
Bianca blast

Poor Philistine
Deep in the heart...
You want it read by when?
Quizzie-Pooh!!!
You can read it in 5 minutes
Cheryl "Less is more" Tiegs
"Disco Maestro
All my men drink A.P. English cocoa... or they drink nothing at all...

It was the best of books

The Mayor of Castor Oil
From Here to There (and back)
I left them at the lake...

EAGLES

FRATERNAL ORDER OF

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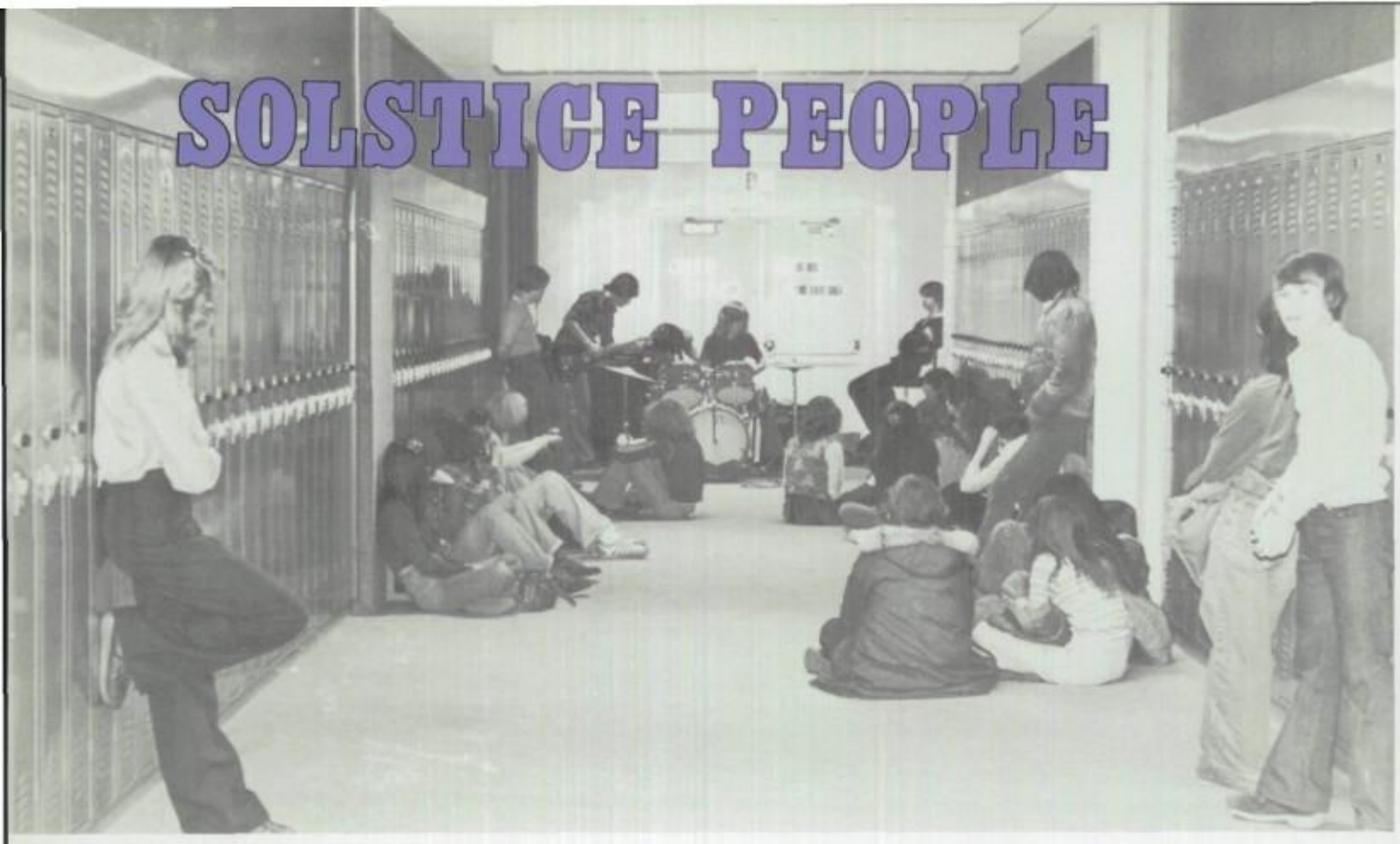
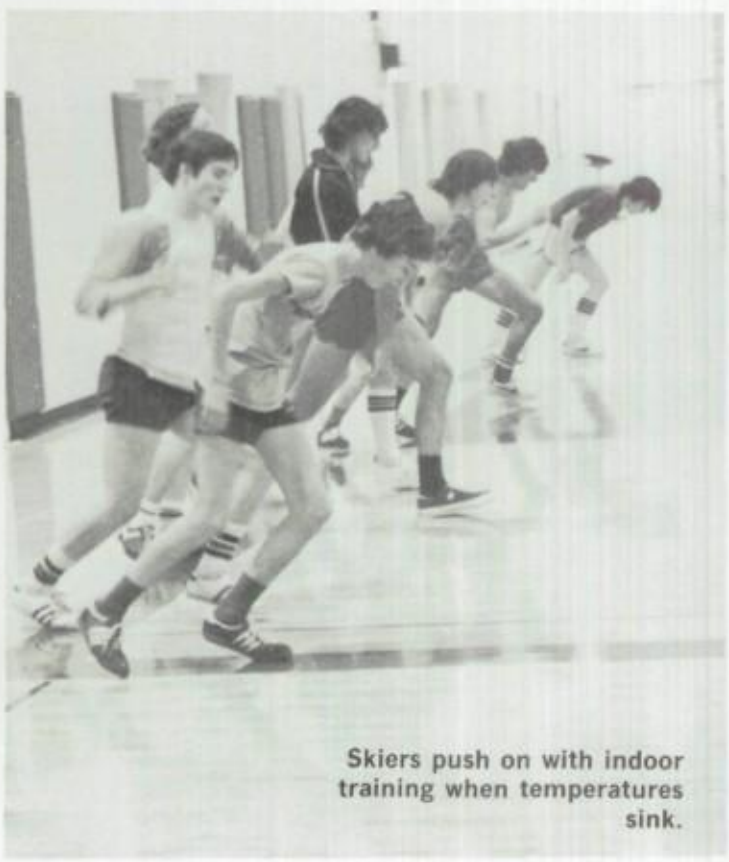


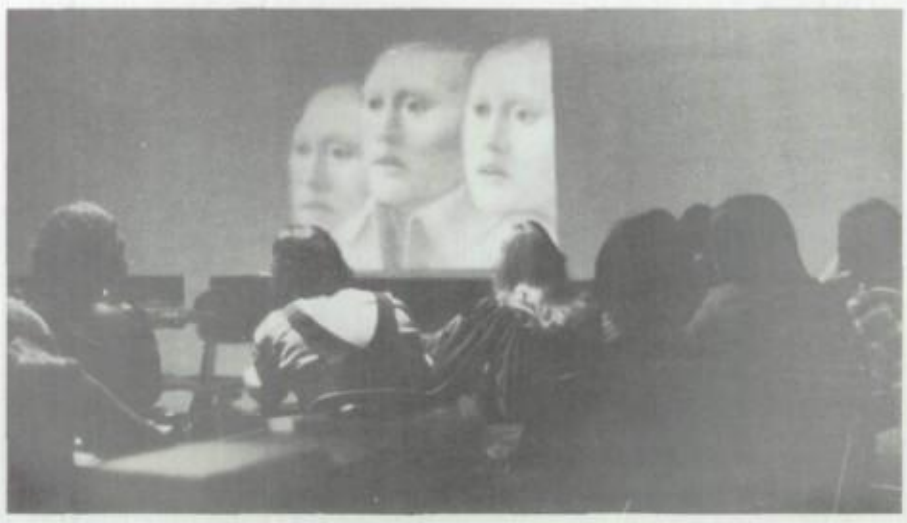
A spontaneous hallway jam session entertains an attentive audience.



Skiers push on with indoor training when temperatures sink.

Christmas lights on the Tesoro station near West pierce the ice fog.

Winter days of little sunshine and low temperatures gave West an atmosphere unique to the Alaskan season. Snow and ice invited outside activity on fair days, but most happenings were indoor-oriented. Confinement to the heated school building and the termination of the first semester induced academic efforts. Long hours of dark encouraged night life, and the holidays were perfect excuses for social events. As the sun reached the point farthest from the equator, West people persevered and enjoyed.



A Popular Novels filmstrip simultaneously enlightens and illuminates.

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Exhaust hovers above the lot in the stillness and cold.

Adroit Gary Haskins displays expertise in form.

Pale sky and veiled Tanana Valley exhibit a wintry blue spectrum.

Mrs. Clark's Christmas door exposes the elfin inclination of many West Valley faces.

WILL THE FROST BITE?

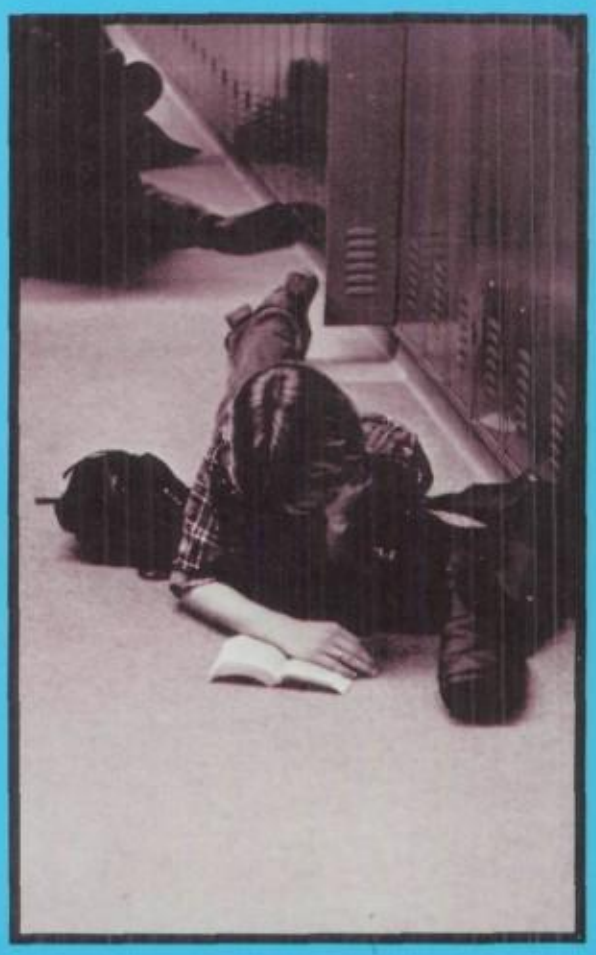
The Fairbanks winter presented a challenge to every student. Except for lucky souls who tripped off to Hawaii, West Valley sourdoughs braved seven unrelieved months of cold and Northern darkness.

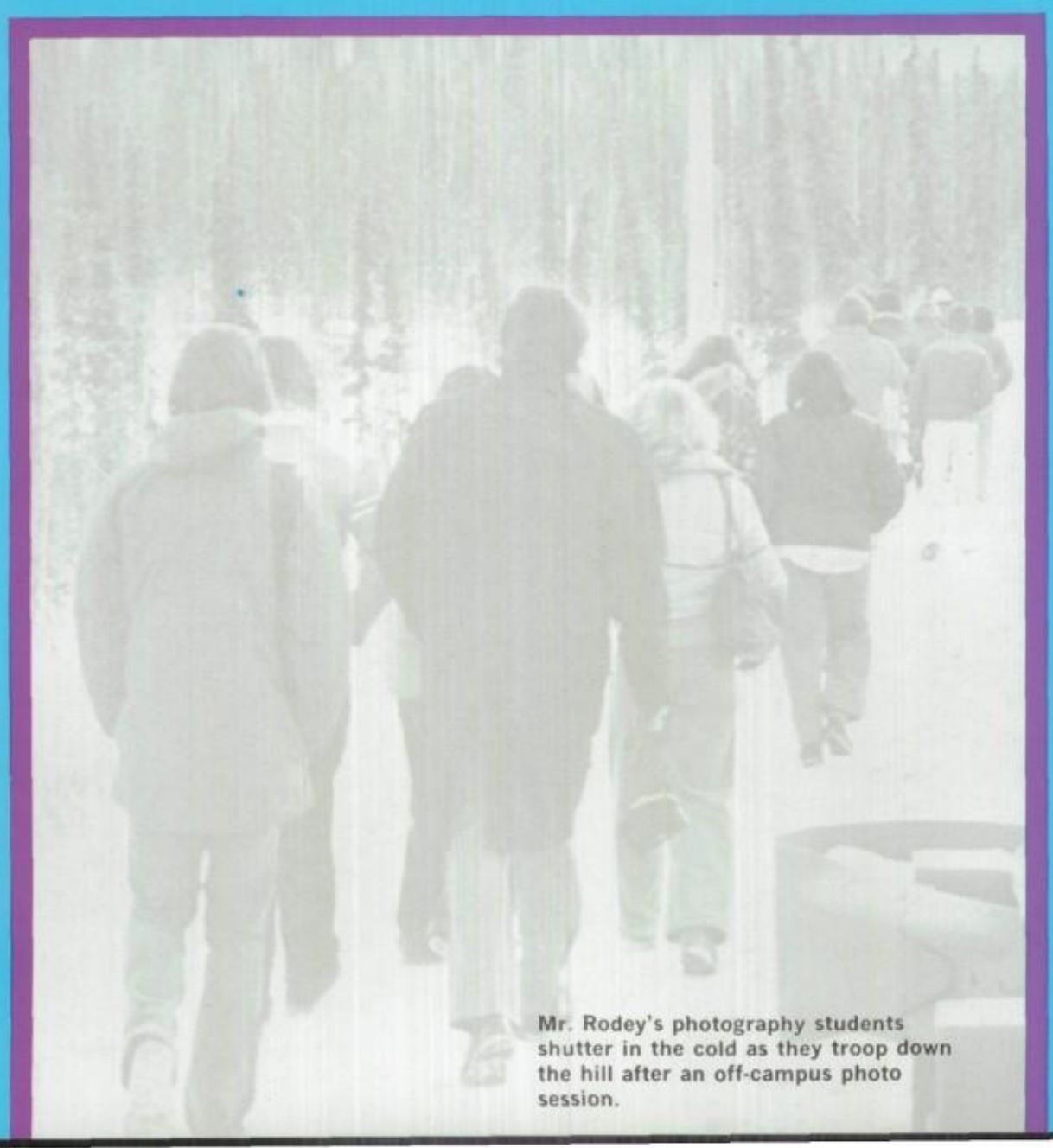
Commuting to school in the cruel weather was an art. Bus-stop vigils were less than toasty warm. Those who attempted to maintain a functioing auto could be seen dashing out to the parking lot between classes and returning with frozen noses and digits. A flat tire or dead battery resulted in a miserably cold ordeal.

Managing to stuff a down parka into a narrow locker was a wondrous deed. Rather than further crowd the lockers, many stomped about in moon boots. The infamous heating system simultaneously created tropical science classrooms and icy windows. Nonetheless, activities and academics went on through snow, ice fog, and fifty-below.

Parkaed and ski-jacketed forms line the locker halls as students doff heavy outdoor gear.

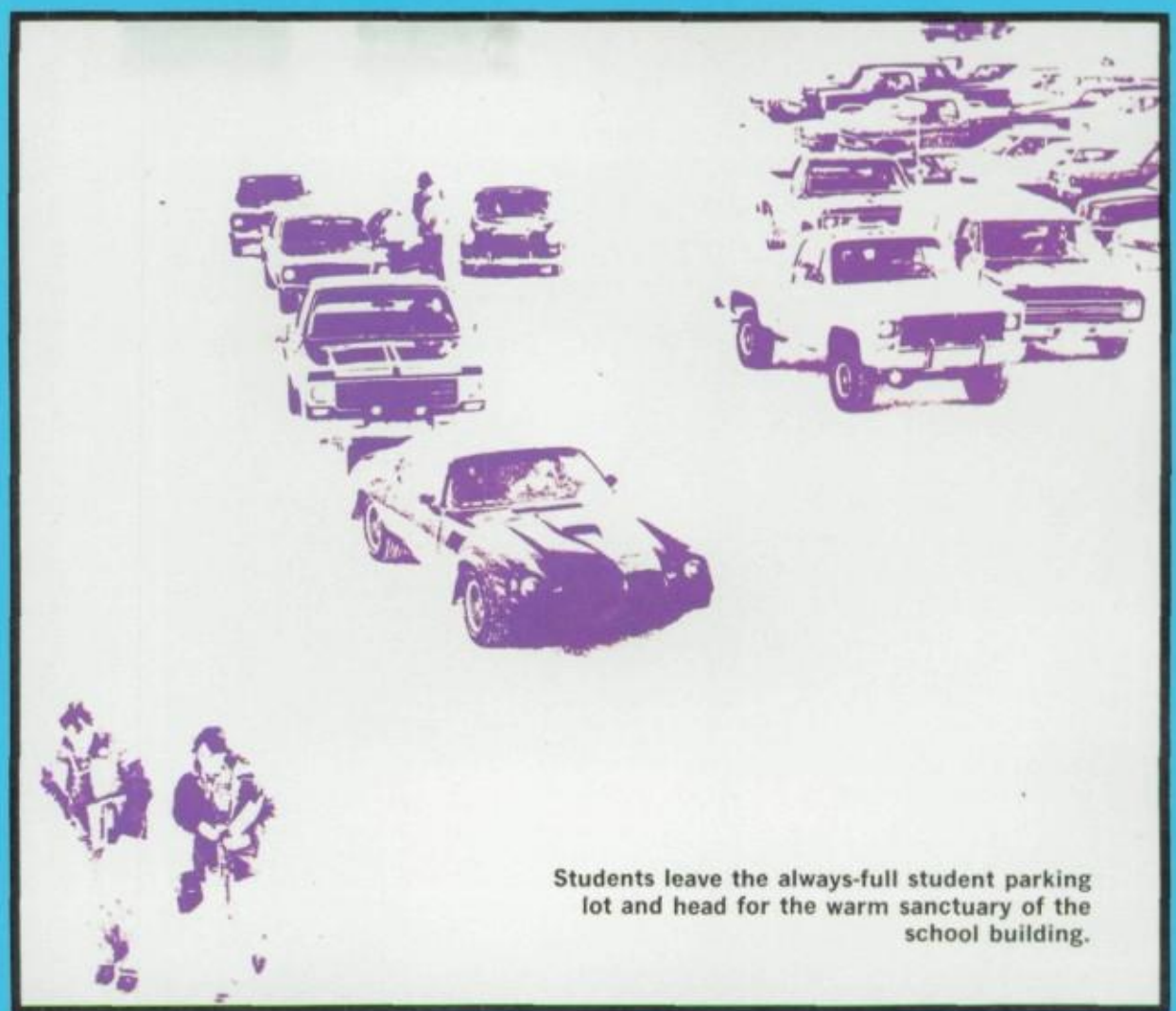
Rather than brave the cold outdoors, Mark Clanton sprawls in the hall atop a parka cushion.





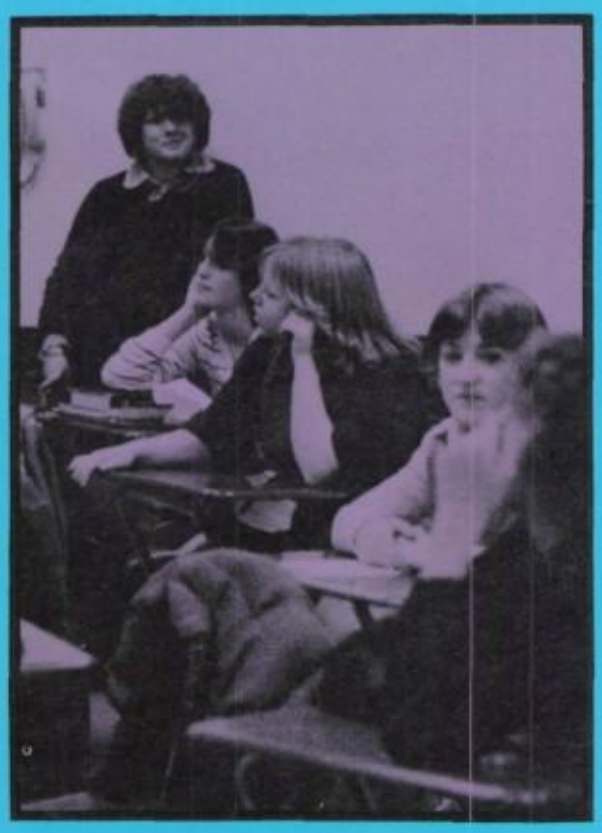
Mr. Rodey's photography students shutter in the cold as they troop down the hill after an off-campus photo session.

The thermometer at the University Avenue-College Road intersection near West indicates January's barely tolerable temperatures before the mercury plummeted in February.



Students leave the always-full student parking lot and head for the warm sanctuary of the school building.

A break from classroom routine is enjoyed by Paula Barclay, Penny Irby, Inge Espe, and Katie Van Cleve.



Cindy Hoppner romps in the white fluffies as she retrieves a paper from a snow bank.

A backgammon game provides diversion for Kelly Paschall, Dwayne Hoskins, and Scott Bowell.

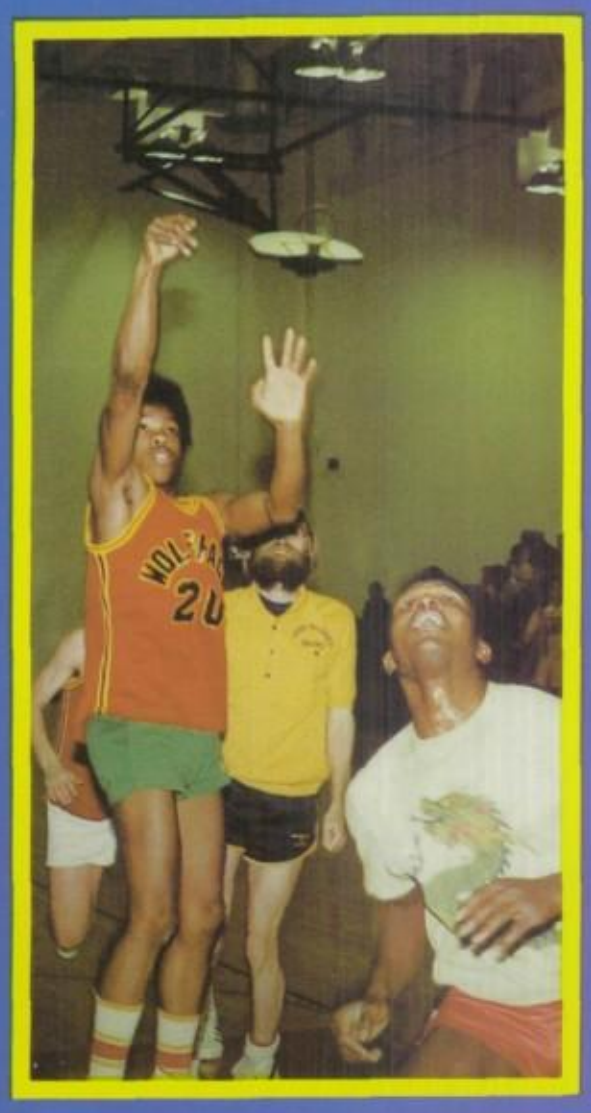
Succumbing to her hibernating instincts, Dawn Borjesson settles down for a long winter's nap beneath a table.

WARM~BLOODED PEOPLE

SATURDAY NIGHT CABIN FEVER

Seventy-niners Toby Green, Lori Barsdate, Julie Burud, Leslie Monroe, Renee Dykema, Sally Aasland, and Joni Pepp kick up their heels in the decorated senior hall.

Dancers Ted Stamps and Richard Hicks demonstrate the fine points of disco.



Boys' Varsity hot-shot Tyrone Thomas shoots for two over Faculty contender Mr. Scott.

Prospective customers examine the winter Mind's Eye at the encouragement of salesman Tom Clark and companion Steve McCarthy.

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Wolfpack girls congregate for a breather and pep talk.

School involvement proved to be an effective preventive of the dread Cabin Fever. Ball games, dances, concerts, and other activities quickened pulses and kept temperatures high through the cold season.

Sports activists enjoyed the fresh air of ski and hockey competition. When the weather grew prohibitively harsh, action could be found on indoor basketball courts. Boys' games were attended often by spirited crowds, and the girls had an exciting season leading to a regional title.

Culture was not lacking during the winter months. Thespians tuned up for "A Christmas Carol," the year's first Mind's Eye literary magazine was published, and choir, band, and orchestra harmonized for holiday concerts.

Disco-mania swept West Valley this winter, and rhythmic sounds at evening and in-school dances were conducive to stylized steps. Pulsating lights played on flashy clothes, and choreographed moves crossed the dance floor. Such activities and general sociability pulled most through the three-dog nights.

Bows in hand, orchestra members take a measured pause before filling the Little Theater with euphony.

Silky shirts were especially popular through the holidays, and lustrous outfits in vivid colors emblazoned the disco scene.

Holiday gaiety is displayed during the wait for the curtain to rise on "A Christmas Carol."

UP FRONT

THE ACTIVITIES BEAT WENT ON THROUGH WINTER, LIVENING THE OLD YEAR AND KINDLING THE NEW

Despite harsh weather making transportation difficult, a selection of winter functions attracted students, and numerous in-school activities compensated for impractical evening events. The holiday season was spiked with a plethora of goings-on.

Kicking off the festivities was the junior class dance, "Here Comes Santa Claus in a Winter Wonderland." Held on December 8, the dance featured sounds by B & S Disco and a jolly Snta (Leonard Dykes) lending an ear to Christmas wishes. The National Honor Society Faculty Tea on December 19 gave teachers a serene lunch hour break with soothing orchestral entertainment.

The week before Christmas caught all in a flurry of school activities. Candy canes, bows, and cards were sold and delivered. On the last school day before vacation the afternoon was scheduled full with the Faculty vs. Boys' Varsity basketball game fifth hour and a disco dance in the gym or the Thespian Club production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" sixth hour. These happenings gave students a jovial start to their week of vacation.

Steppin' to the beat of the Christmas dance are Joe Miller and Carmel Minoque.

Dance royalty Paul Brown and Katie Neidhold enjoy the merry Christmas wit of Santa Claus.

Inventive shooting techniques were attempted by those lined up for a half-court try at a free case of pop.

Beckoned by a ghost, Ebeneezer Scrooge (alias Chris Sims) is roused from bed.

Homeroom door decorations add to a festive school setting.

Mr. Ernst leaps in a free throw during the Faculty/Boys' Varsity conflict.

Mrs. Ray samples NHS delicacies.

Where There's Smoke . . .

On Thursday, January 25, the fire alarm rudely interrupted fifth hour classes. Anticipating a mere drill, students were disconcerted by thick smoke clouding the upstairs hallways. The minor fire of presumed electrical origin damaged only custodial equipment in a closet by an upstairs lavatory. Fire fighters ascertained that no flame persisted, and students were permitted to desert the chilly parking lots for Stage Band entertainment in the gym. Classes resumed late in sixth hour, and, while fumes did remain, the ordeal had been but a flash in thecan.

Chef Chris Wallace and assistant Heidi Koerfer knead up a yummy recipe on Mr. Shellinger's head during a spirit assembly.

Boogey-woogeying to the beat, West students cheer their favorite sock-hoppers during the Fifties Day dance contest.

The fifties costume contest winners Shane Holmberg and Lynda Foster portray a typical couple; the athlete and his girl.

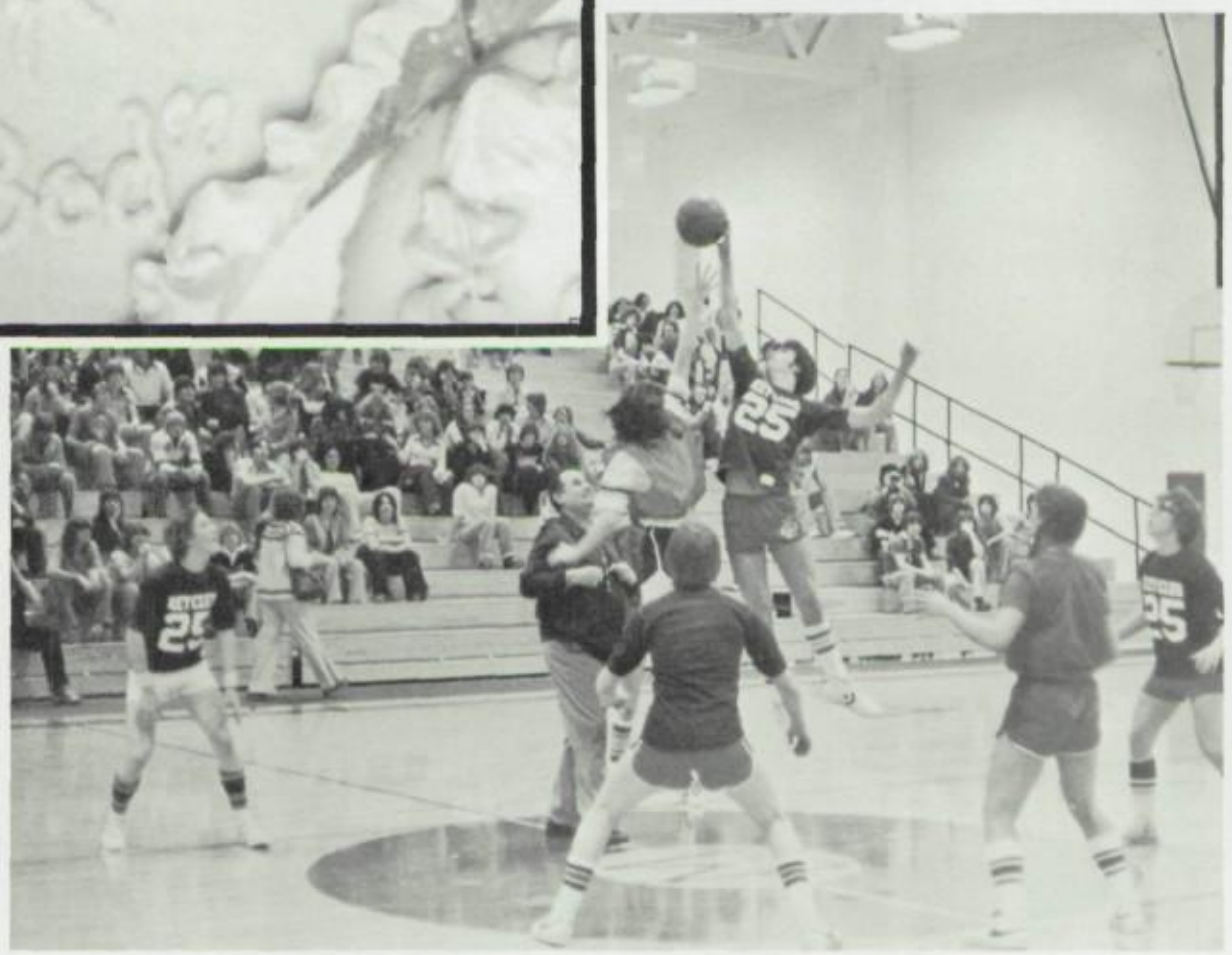
The bubbly gang from M*A*S*H invaded West's halls on 50's Day with medics Bill Hidden, Glenda Kroshus, Carla Warren, Earl Barringer, Keith Hanneman, Chris Sims, Mark "Klinger" Mc Whirter, Lory Barsdate, Bob Weeden, and Deirdre Helfferich.

Slave-driver of athletes Mr. Adame receives his just desserts.

WINTER-FIGHTING STUDENTS FLASHED BACK TO YOUNGER DAYS, BUT THE PRESENT OCCUPIED MUCH OF THEIR TIME

Valentine's Day brought elaborately decorated NHS cookies for those with more than just a sweet tooth.

Not wishing to be forgotten, Katie Neidhold adopts an original method of advertising her wish on Valentine's Day.



Key Clubber Richard Tremarello springs to action beating Jessica Gavora, of the girls basketball team, to the jump ball, putting Helen Schruff on defense, and leaving Ted Stamps, Eric Rhude, and Mike Flodin with the *upper hand.*

In the midst of a benumbing Fairbanks area cold snap that established several new weather records and super-cooled even the hardiest of sourdoughs, West Valley refushed to succumb to cabin fever and the prevailing cold weather. West students escaped the icy clutches of Old Man Winter with the help of a benefit basketball game, Fifties Day and Valentine's Day festivities.

The March of Dimes benefit basketball game, played between the Key Club and the Girls Varsity basketball team, may have been a joke at the expense of the Key Club, but while the Key Club was Stomped into the hardwood by West's Champion Girls, they id manage to net $380.00 for the March of Dimes.

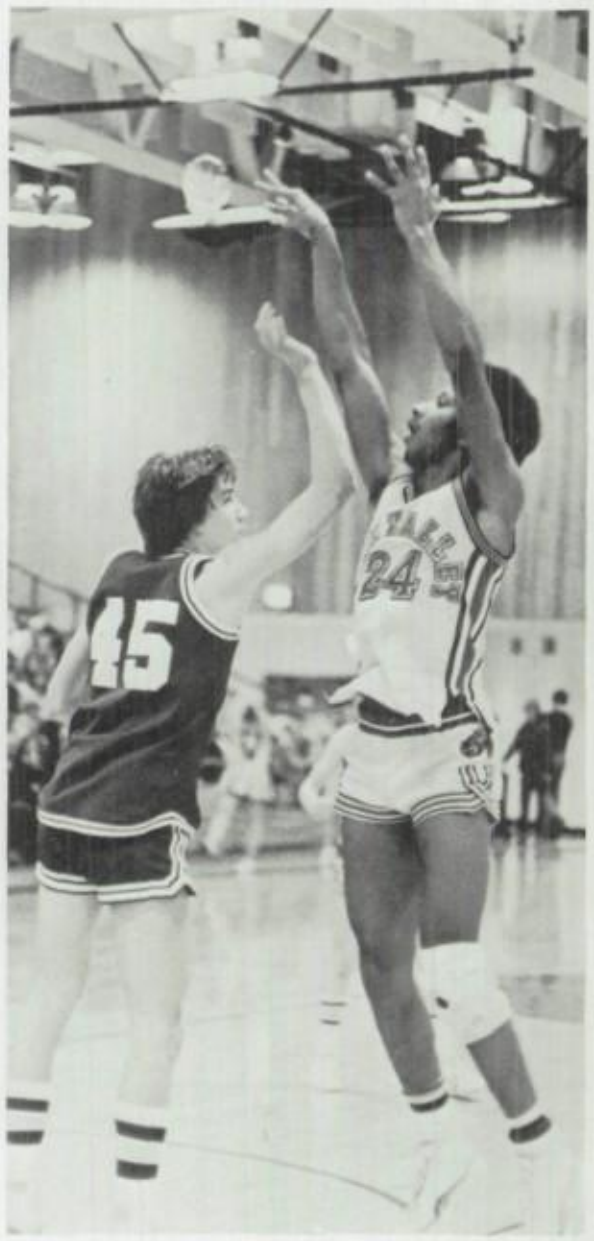
Fifties Day, sponsored by student council, brought about a sense of nostalgia concerning the bygone days of the "55 Chevy and the ducktail. On perhaps the most spirited Fifties Day West has ever experienced, students and teachers alike reveled in modeling their suddenly highly fashionable Fifties attire. This wide spread participation, supplemented by the in-school dance and the dance and costume contests, proved "grease" to be the word of the day.

Among the memorable moments from that romantic holiday of Valentine's was second hour, when the Choir members travelling in small groups, serenaded select students with songs like "Hello My Baby" in a room-to-room campaign.

Winter activities at West made this winter (a winter that produced enough ice-fog to choke even the wolves and ravens) more than bearable, and it was not long before the days lengthened and our minds happily turned to the contemplation of Spring-time.

EXPERIENCING AN UP AND DOWN SEASON THE WOLFPACK VARSITY CAGERS CAPITALIZED ON THEIR OPPORTUNITIES.

Coming off a fast break, Andy Holman holds up to allow speeding Dave Schram an opening.



Up at arms with a Monroe opponent, center Joe Miller lofts a jump shot.

The Varsity cagers are: Duane Bates, Miguel LaFleur, Tom Monaco, John Pennebaker, Dave Schram, Joe Miller, Andy Holman, Bill Holman, Dale Welty, Bob Burcell, Tyrone Thomas, and coach Ted DeLeon.

Leaping hoopward, Andy Holman defies the powerful Monroe Rams.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

WVHS		Opponents
73	Eielson	72
58	Monroe	84
44	North Pole	65
42	Lathrop	41
61	Eielson	62
56	Monroe	80
64	Eielson	57
57	North Pole	70
53	Lathrop	64
40	Monroe	82
62	North Pole	80
52	Lathrop	66
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Flying high above the Ravens, Miguel LaFleur puts the ball to the boards.

Getting inside the Malemute defense, John Pennebaker shoots for two.

The start of the season was the same as always for the Boys Varsity Basketball Team; practice, practice, and more practice. The season began in November and was not completed until mid-February.

The Varsity Boy's game schedule included twenty-five games and of these, West reigned victorious in ten. The team's brilliant play exhibited in its many exhilarating games allowed the season to be labeled as sensational, illustrating the point that a team's success is not always directly reflected by its win-loss record.

With eleven team members of which four were Seniors, it seems relatively safe to predict an older, more experienced team for future seasons. The promotion of several Junior Varsity players should strengthen the Varsity force and nable them to achieve an impressive win-loss record.

The team went on the road and played other ball clubs from Anchorage, Wasilla and Tri-Valley; often with good results.

As the season came to an abrupt end, three West players were listed as top scorers in Region VI. These players were Dave Schram, Joe Miller, and Andy Holman. Of these three, Junior Dave Schram was selected to the All-Region Team.

Alternating between streaks of hot and cold, the team experienced an up and down year, but netted thekind of season West Valley likes to see; a season characterized by a hundred and one percent player output, producing consistently exciting basketball.

FRESHMAN AND JV B. BALL PREPARED UPCOMING PLAYERS FOR THE VARSITY SQUAD

If the success of West's Junior Varsity and Freshman boy's basketball teams is any indication, the outlook for next year's Varsity squad is exceptionally bright. While the teams did represent West Valley in regular season play and endeavored to uphold West's standards of sports excellence, the main goal of both teams was to provide young, talented players with the skills necessary to play sound Varsity ball.

The JV team, comprised mostly of sophomores (only two Juniors), did more than simply acquire important skills; they handily outscored their opponents in more than twelve games. Reflected contented coach Al Shoats, "The JV's secret to success lay in a combination of hard work, fundamentals and discipline." The talent was definitely there but it took the combined efforts of players and coach to bring about the end result. The result was that West's JV team learned how to play good, solid, winning basketball. Coach Shoats also pointed out that if the team had any problem" it was finding places for out-of-town players to stay while in Fairbanks."

The JV team represented West's hope for a strong varsity squad in the future. Because the team was composed of talented young players, West can look forward to a fairly strong varsity team in the next two seasons. Mr. Shellinger accurately expressed West's hope for the future when he Stated, "I'm very pleased with their (the JV team) overall success. They are a group of very fine young men and I can only look to the future when they will mature into the Varsity squad."

The Freshman team, composed entirely of freshmen and coached by Joe Cacairi, played their way through a challenging but productive season. The team managed to outscore more than seven opponents including the Delta Junction JV squad. Coach Cacairi stated, "we played a number of teams including some JV teams and still managed to win a few ... basically we prepared the freshman players for JV and Varsity ball!"

Up and coming stars are as follows: BACK ROW: Manager Julie Mane, Charlie Lines, Robin Montgomery, Eddie Hough, Terry DeVries, Bob Burcell, Dale Welty, Doug Holman, David Zahn, Owen Jackson, Bill Bidell, Greg Baker, Dave Morris, FRONT ROW: Tyrone Thomas, Glen Anderson, Coach Al Shoats, Darrel Case, Scott Winner.

Disrupting a would be successful pass, West's Mike Caciari and Brian Fox help to break up Lathrop's offense.

FRESHMAN B.BALL

WVHS		Opponents
59	Kodiak	68
48	Nenana	51
61	Kodiak	44
44	Lathrop	51
44	North Pole	36
31	Lathrop	41
44	Tri-Valley	56
47	North Pole	46
46	Delta	44
56	Lathrop	52
57	North Pole	47
39	Lathrop	42

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Representing West's hope for a bright basketball future are Freshman cagers: BACK ROW: Dave Bezona, Kent Noble, Bruce Caldwell, Dave Gonzallas, Dan Menelli, Mark Garwood, FRONT ROW: Coach Joe Cacairi, Jim Vanhoomissen, Bill Winters, Mike Cacairi, Brian Fox.

J.V. BASKETBALL

WVHS		Opponents
43	Tri-Valley	35
54	Ft. Yukon	53
48	Eielson	40
40	Wasilla	37
47	Monroe	55
60	North Pole	57
47	Tri-Valley	44
50	Lathrop	58
73	Eielson	40
66	Monroe	38
60	Delta	44
68	Eielson	47
43	Anderson	27
66	North Pole	45
62	Lathrop	63
58	Monroe	59
63	North Pole	75
27	Lathrop	38
52	Lathrop	70
76	Barrow	75

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Watching tensely, coach Al Shoats decides what his next move will be.

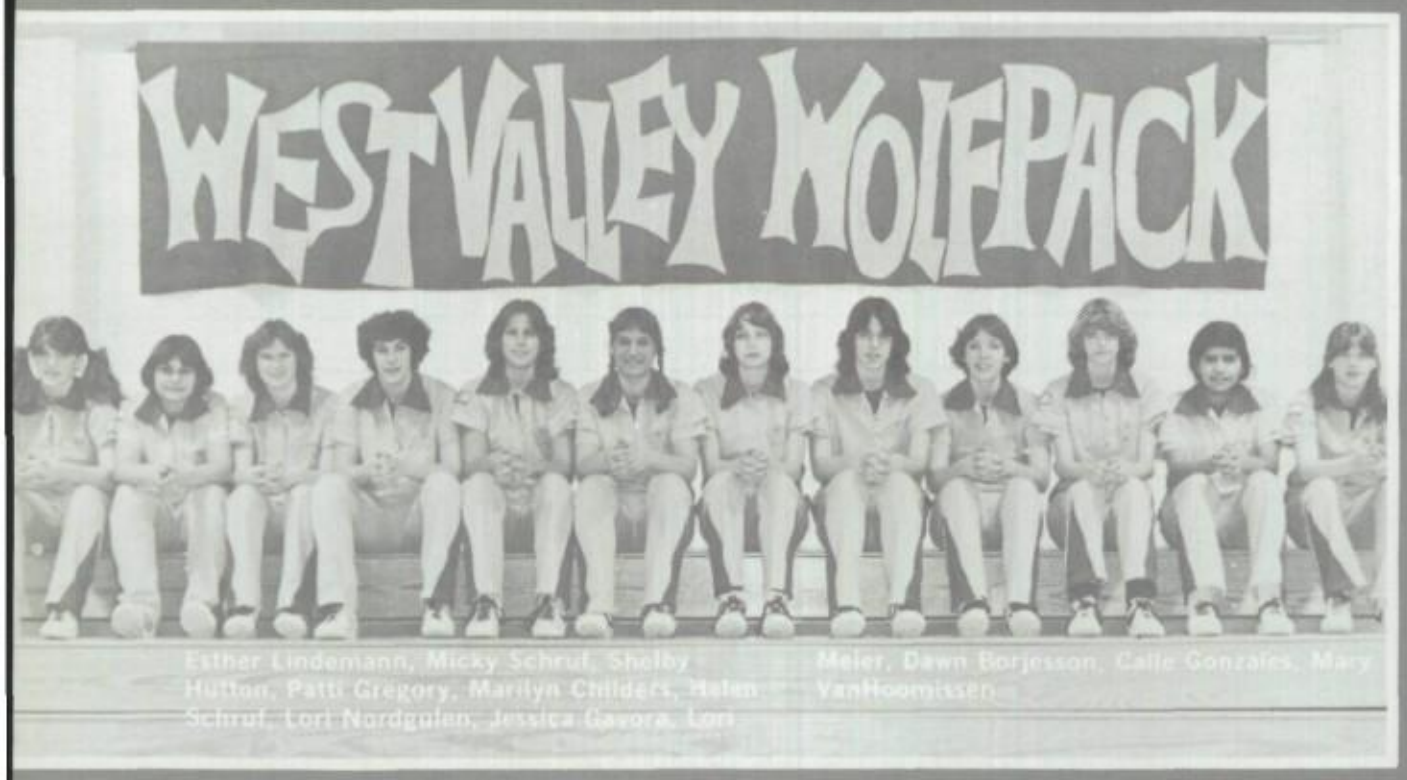
Moving into the start of a game, freshman ballplayers move into position.

Following the action from the bench, Freshman coach Joe Cacairi and several team members anxiously await the game's outcome.

Attentive JV players huddle around coach Shoats as he outlines his carefully- concieved game plan—a blueprint for success.

Super Sports Sisters Micky and Helen Schruf contribute to the success of the Wolfpack's campaign against Lathrop.

Coach Don Klepper, Assistant Coach Karen Hagglund, and Managers Jan Thomson and Diana DeVargas.



Esther Lindemann, Micky Schruf, Shelby Hutton, Patti Gregory, Marilyn Childers, Helen Schruf, Lori Nordgulen, Jessica Gavora, Lori Meier, Dawn Borjesson, Callie Gonzales, Mary VanHoomissen.

Revelling in the spoils of victory, the members of

The school year of 1978-79 was, to quote Coach Don Klepper, "A year of surprises." Few would have guessed that a young team of virtually untested Wolfpack gridders would have emerged at the top of the Railbelt Conference, but then not many of us had even an inkling of what was to eventually transpire amid the hazy, uncertain near future of West Valley's champion Girls Varsity basketball team. Few dared to believe that the Varsity Girls team, with only one returning starter, could conceivably pull a Region VI Championship out of the hat, much less capture the third place berth in the State Tournament. Even so, deep down inside, none of us were really surprised to find West's Girls Varsity trampling the other Region VI teams. To exceed the highest expectations and come out winning in a big way is what the Wolfpack is all about and the Wolfpack Girls team proved it.

TWOTIME REGION CHAMPS, WEST ROUNDED OUT A NEAR PERFECT SEASON TAKING THIRD AT STATE

West's Girls Varsity celebrate their recent win over Lathrop for the Region VI crown.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

W.V.H.S.		Opponents
52	Eielson	24
47	Monroe Catholic	17
49	North Pole	24
47	Lathrop	41
43	Eielson	36
45	Monroe Catholic	22
43	Eielson	27
49	North Pole	29
27	Lathrop	36
40	Lathrop	30
67	Monroe Catholic	33
43	North Pole	37

Region VI Champions
State 3rd Place
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The Varsity squad, which consolidated with the JV team, was virtually a "Sophomore team". The team was young, inexperienced, and stuck together like a family . . no one quit. "Our defense was excellent and we held some teams scoreless for some periods of play," stated Captain Micky Schruf. The team did experience a "shakey" start after being beaten by the Eielson Ravens in the opening pre-season tournament, but West's female cagers employed their net-swishing razzle-dazzle to put away every opponent in the next straight sixteen games! Well on their way to chalking up their impressive record of 23 wins to 5 losses, the team went so far as to triumph over the two time State Champion Bartlett Bears, 43-41! By the time the Regional Tournament rolled around the team was proving itself to be the powerhouse of Region VI. In the midst of the victorious net-cutting aftermath of the Regional Tournament there dawned the realization that for the second consecutive year the Wolfpack Girls Varsity team had beaten the Malemutes of Lathrop and had again earned the right to play in the State Tournament in Ketchikan. After the All-Region Team had been chosen, the Wolfpack again came out smelling like a rose. Micky Schruf and Shelby Hutton were both selected for the team, making West the only team in the Region to have two players selected to the team.

Even as most of us tuned into the Tournament by radio, the team was fighting its way through incredibly stiff competition and succeeded in landing the third place spot in the State Tourney.

Coach Klepper was very proud of the team and commented on their spectacular season, "At the start if they had played a 50-50 season it would have been a good year I admire them more than a lot of other teams. The season is theirs and they reflect it". Klepper also noted that the outlook for next year's team is very bright considering our four returning veteran starters.

"Deer-like" Varsity cager Shelby Hutton attempts two points via her unique, sweeping lay-up. Retaining possession of the ball following a mad scramble, Wolfpack player Helen Schruf eludes her Delta opponents.

78-79 WEST SKIERS GLIDED THROUGH SICKNESS AND COLD WEATHER TO VIRTUALLY WAX THEIR OPPONENTS

West Varsity skiers, LEFT to RIGHT: Joan Scarborough, Mike McCarthy, Diana Hall, Robert Mihougue, Keith Hanneman, Scott Reeburgh, Andy White, Robert Weeden, Brian Scarborough, Ian White, Gary Haskins, Bristol Weeden, Leif Thompson, Jennifer Brice, Dave Lokken. Steff Compeau and FRONT: Coach Marianne Carlson.

Sking Coach Marianne Carlson withstands the cold to cheer on her championship team.

Endeavoring to overtake, teamate Robert Weeden gives Scott Reeburg a frosty visage.

Racing to victory, snow sprinters Diana Hall and Steff Compeau ski vigorously for West.

The thrill of victory enveloped jubilant ski team members as they captured the 1978-79 Region VI Championship and emerged victorious over their toughest competitors; the North Pole boys team and the Lathrop girls team.

Assisted by top notch ski coach Marianne Carlson, herself a former Olympic skier, the energetic and hard working West skiers battled through sickness and biting cold weather to triumphantly defend their region title. They did so through determination and training, by attending nightly workouts and by competing regularly in the High School races held every weekend.

Subsequent to winning the Regional championship, the ski team journeyed to the State meet held at Kincaid Park in Anchorage. Although the team did not prevail in their efforts to retain their State title, they did manage to place a respectable sixth and plan to return next year.

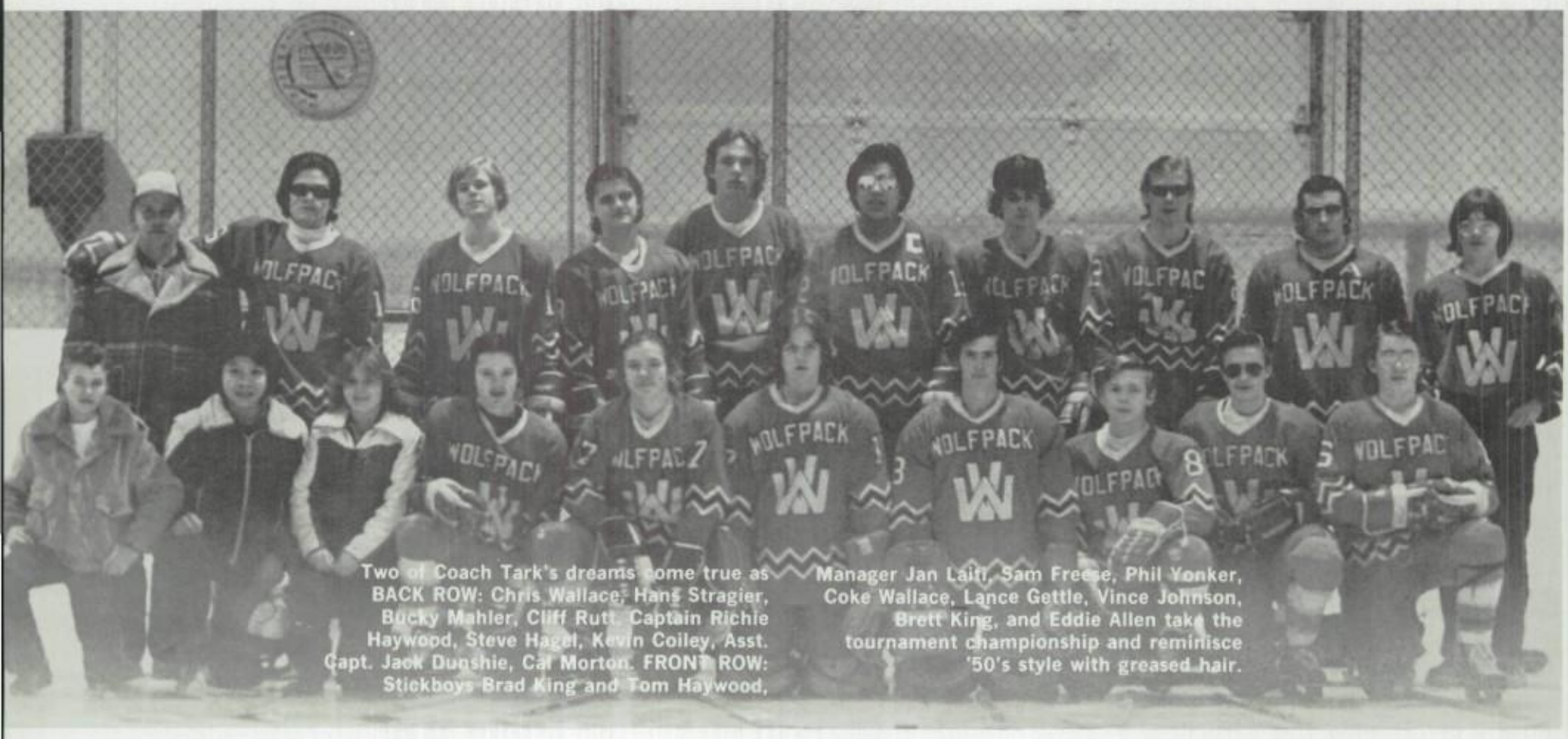
Hopes for the Pack to continue to dominate the Region VI ski world, and to regain their State title were pre-dominant in the minds of many, especially coach Carlson who stated, "It was a very young team this year with a good future, they have potential to win state! They were an enjoyable group to work with and as a team, they had a positive attitude with a lot of spirit and fight."

Comprising a young, champion team of considerable merit, the West skiers represent a promising future in which they should defend their title and surpass their previous efforts Skion!

Though off to a slow start, Joan Scarborough will soon catch Eielson's Mimi Loveless.

Giving one last word of advice, Coach Carlson surveys her skiers as they begin their trek.

Ski team member Robert Weeden does the splits as he poles ahead.



Two of Coach Tark's dreams come true as BACK ROW: Chris Wallace, Hans Stragier, Bucky Mahler, Cliff Rutt, Captain Richie Haywood, Steve Hagel, Kevin Coiley, Asst. Capt. Jack Dunshie, Cal Morton. FRONT ROW: Stickboys Brad King and Tom Haywood, Manager Jan Laiti, Sam Freese, Phil Yonker, Coke Wallace, Lance Gettle, Vince Johnson, Brett King, and Eddie Allen take the tournament championship and reminisce '50's style with greased hair.

REMINISCING, EATING, AND HARD SKATING FURNISHED WEST'S PUCKSTERS WITH TITLE AFTER TITLE

With winter came colder weather; with colder weather came ice; with ice came the start of another super-successful West Valley hockey season.

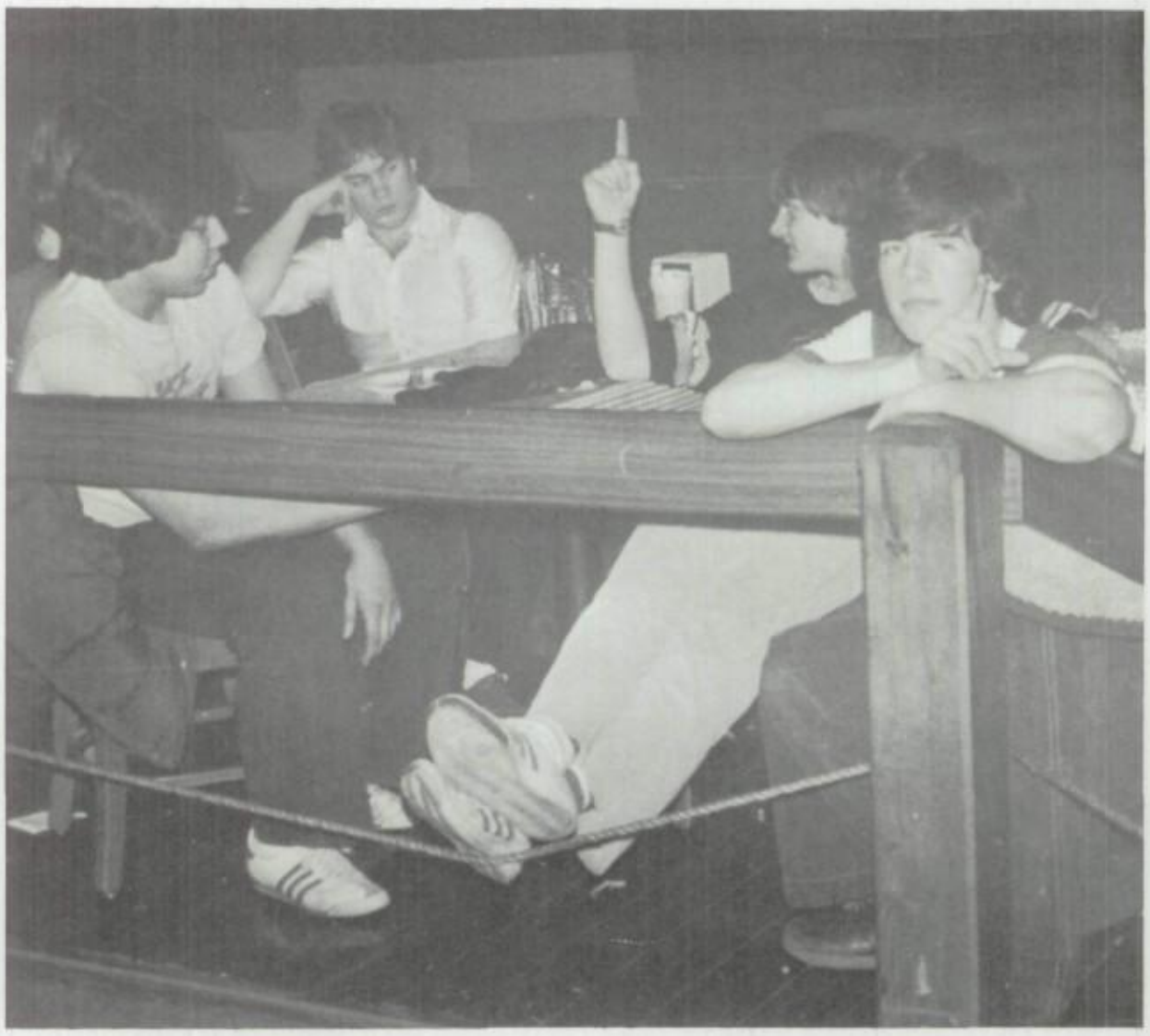
The team acquired its first and only loss of the season in its first game and then played the remainder of the year without again tasting the bitter agony of defeat.

With practice every day after school, combined with the truly superb coaching skills of Rich Tarkiainen, the team members perfected their skating, checking, and shooting skills, putting West Valley far ahead of its competitors.

While West's unbeatable team did not travel extensively, they did compete against teams from Ketchikan, Kenny Lake, and Wasilla during the State Invitational Hockey Tournament held at the Big Dipper. West won the tournament, maintaining their near perfect win-loss record.

While the team did lose six Seniors, incoming students supplementing the returning players should combine to produce another star West hockey team.

Spring came early and with Spring came sun; with sun came the melting of ice, and the melting of ice signified the end of a super-season for West's pucksters.

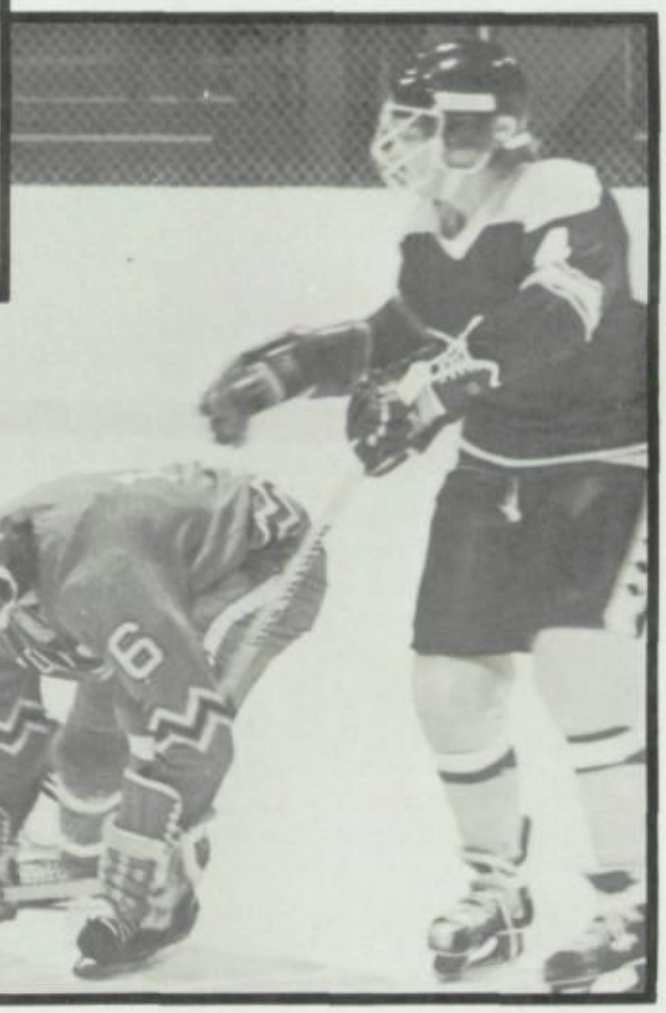


"No. 1" is the feeling expressed by Bucky Mahler and Lance Gettle, while Jack Dunshie and Richie Haywood enjoy themselves during the post-tournament pizza party given by the Hockey Cheerleaders for the champion team.

West's power-packed first line of Sam Freese, Jack Dunshie, and Chris Wallace skate against a North Pole opponent.

Facing off for a Wolfpack victory against a Kenny Lake team member is Hans Stragier, putting Vince Johnson (8) and Brett King (4) in ready willingness for the ensuing battle.

Bending down into action, center Chris Wallace scrambles against Lathrop opponents for the puck.



HOCKEY

W.V.H.S.		Opponents
19	North Pole	1
3	Lathrop	5
14	North Pole	0
5	Lathrop	1
15	North Pole	0
8	Lathrop	0
19	North Pole	0
13	Kenny Lake	1
8	Kenai	2
20	North Pole	0
1	Lathrop	1
12	North Pole	0
19	North Pole	0

1st Region VI
(W-16) (T-1) (L-1)

West players exchange handshakes with defeated Lathrop foes after another gruelling match.

As West's champion matemen toiled strenuously throughout their long and arduous season, working right along with them to raise morale were the Matmaids.

The Matmaids were a group of young ladies who qualified for their positions in the spirit inducing club by passing an examination based on the sport of wrestling. Scorekeeping (both team and individual), running the clock and peeling oranges kept the girls more than just a little bit busy during the wrestling matches both here in Fairbanks or away. The creation of brilliantly shining posters and locker decorations required a great deal of time and took place during the after school hours.

The group, led by Sponsor Nel

Pausing a moment from scorekeeping, matmaids Leslie Quakenbush, Laurie Duncan, and Peggy Williams illustrate their angelic smiles.

Garvey and President Peggy Williams, involved itself with several money raising efforts. The Matmaids finance boosters included selling carnations on Valentines Day, doughnut dispensing and banner vending supplemented by their biggest endeavor; the Rock-a-thon.

The Rock-a-thon, a 24 chair rocking marathon, began one Friday evening at 6:00 pm and was concluded the next day, Saturday, at 6:00 am. The Matmaids collected pledges and then commenced to rock the night away. The biggest obstacle to continual rocking was weariness, but with T.V.'s glaring and radios blaring, food in substantial supply and wild pillow fights all of the members maid it through the night.

TOP: Peggy Williams. SECOND ROW: Teresa Gaiser, Kari Weideman. KNEELING: Marcie Hassebroek, Leslie Quakenbush, Brenda Thompson, Laurie Duncan.

Hockey cheerleaders Liz Tonkins, Nora Norum, Ellen Bell, Gwen Kroshus and Cindy West anticipate another goal scoring drive from their #1 team.

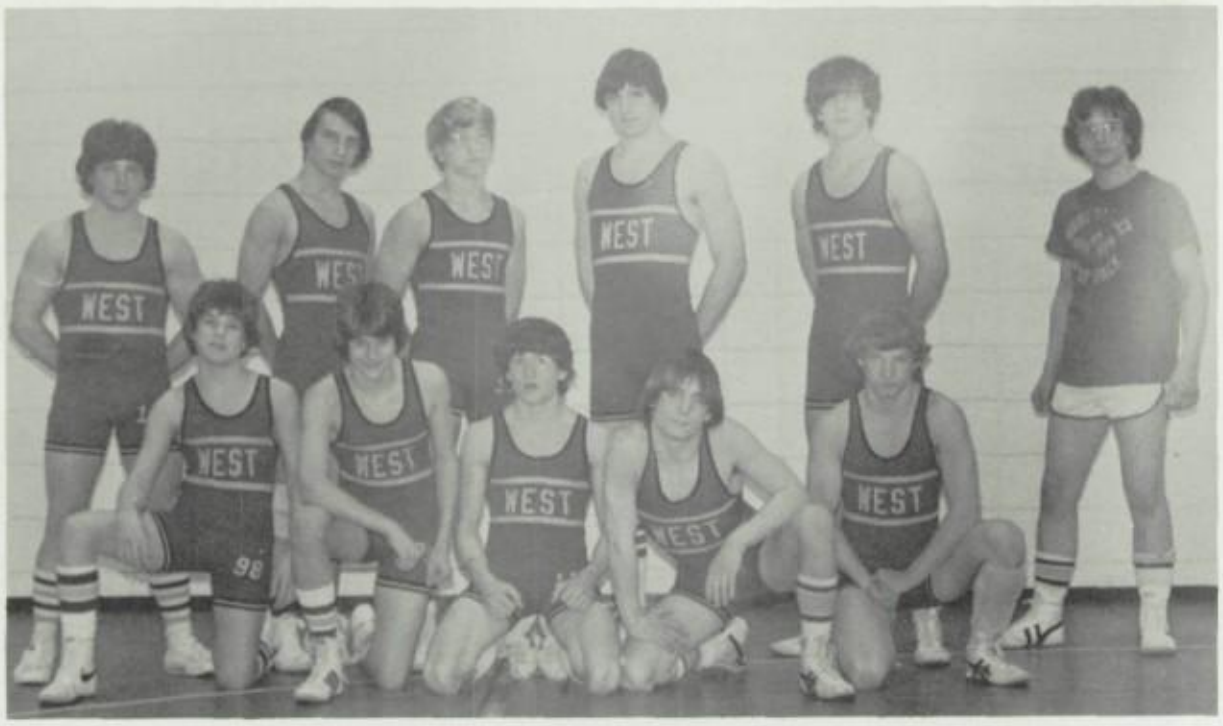
Pep, knowledge of the sport and toleration for cold weather epitomized the typical West Valley Hockey Cheerleader. Captained by Adviser Madge Clark and Captain Liz Tonkins, the Hockey Cheerleaders appeared at every one of West's games to bolster spirit with their cheers and to collect admission fes. They also put in long hours after school creating informative posters and locker decorations. In addition, the cheerleaders sponsored bake sales and earned their red and gold Hockey Cheerleading jackets.

Highlighting the hockey season were pizza feeds at the Blue Marlin. The feeds, sponsored by the Hockey Cheerleaders, assisted in greatly depleting their treasury and were reported to have been fabulous feasts for West's voracious pucksters.

Through cold weather, chapped lips and sore throats, the Hockey Cheerleaders have survived to return for future years and cheers.

FRONT: Kelly Wein, Cindy West, Debby O'Dell, Gwen Kroshus. BACK: Nora Norum, Liz Tonkins, Cindy Hoppner, Ellen Bell.

ENTHUSIASTS LENT A HELPING HAND WHILE JV GRAPPLERS STRUGGLED TO THE TOP!



BACK ROW: Glenn Moehlin, Kraig Smyth, Fred Schikora, Shane Holmberg, Joe Sackinger and Jesse Perkins. FRONT ROW: Billy Merritt, Brian Blockcolsky, Jeff Moehlin, Wayne Sharp, and Jim Kirkvold.

JV Wrestlers Added Versatility & Variety

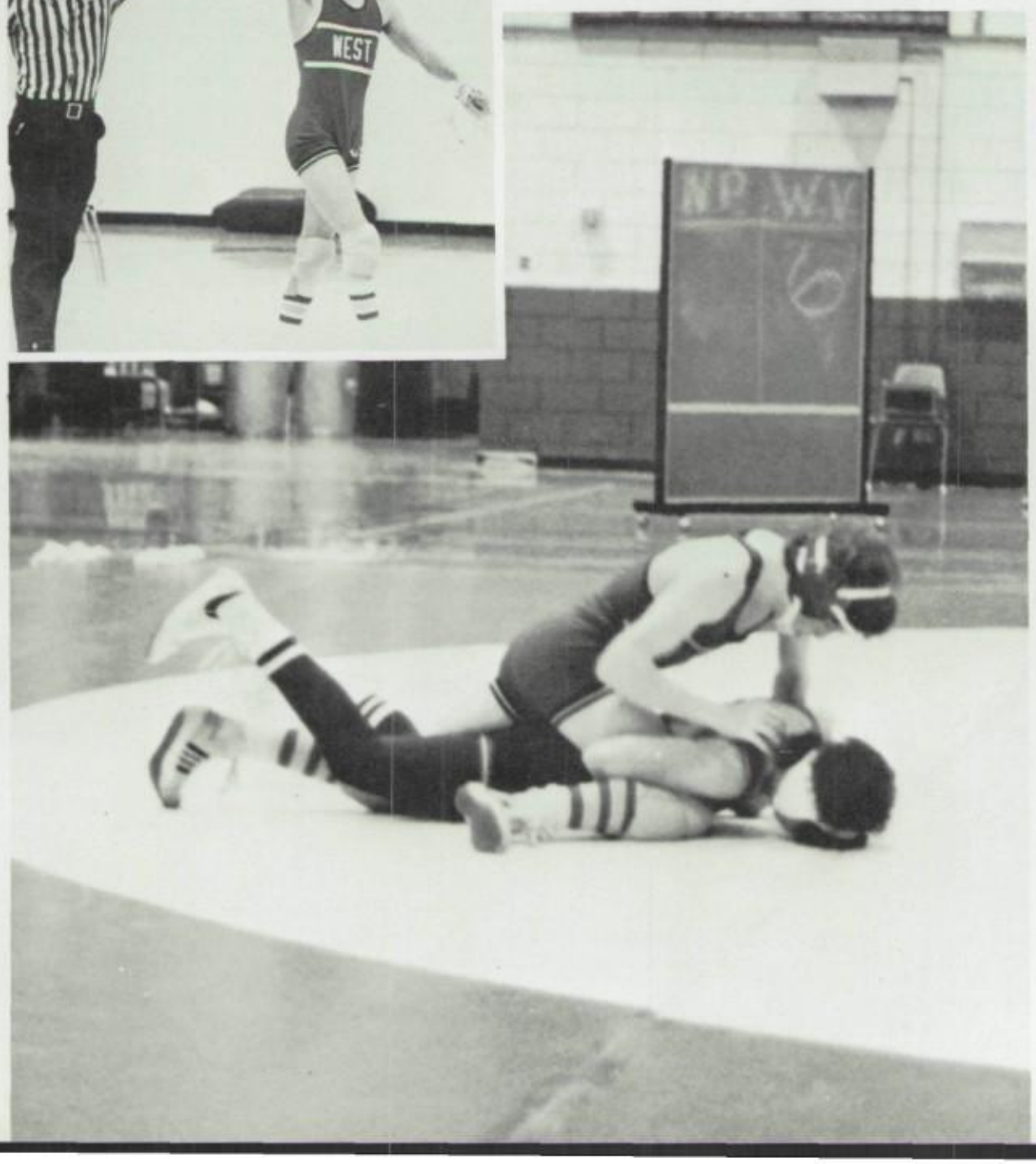
With only twelve weight classes, wrestling is a sport with a very limited number of varsity positions. Because of the multitude of people who turn out for wrestling each year, the J.V. squad is essential in allowing for a wider spectrum of participation. It also provides a base for the newer and younger wrestlers who need the mat experience but are not yet ready for the jump to varsity competition.

In a way, J.V. grapplers have a rougher season than the Varsity members of the team. They go through the same rigorous training, wrestle just as hard during meets, and become just as exhausted as the Varsity by the end of practice, yet they do not receive the glory of being a Varsity wrestler at West. They hang in there though, and this attitude contributes to he championship quality of West Valley wrestling.

J.V. WRESTLING

W.V.H.S		Opponents
38	North Pole	23
17	Lathrop	6
45	North Pole	9
53	North Pole	9
	(W-4) (L-0)	

Exhausted but triumphant, Shane Holmberg walks off with another victory.



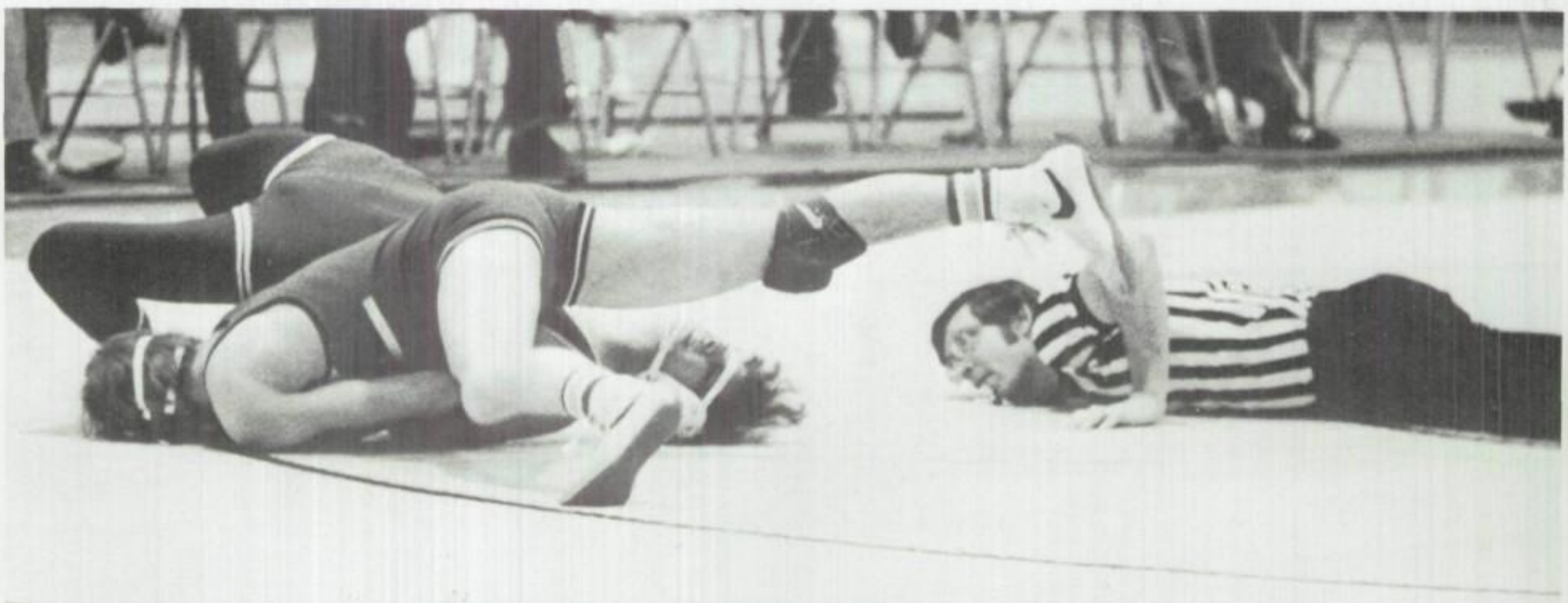
Riding his adversary, Fred Schikora helps West down the Patriots.

Taking charge, Jeff Moehlin grinds his North Pole opponent into the mat.

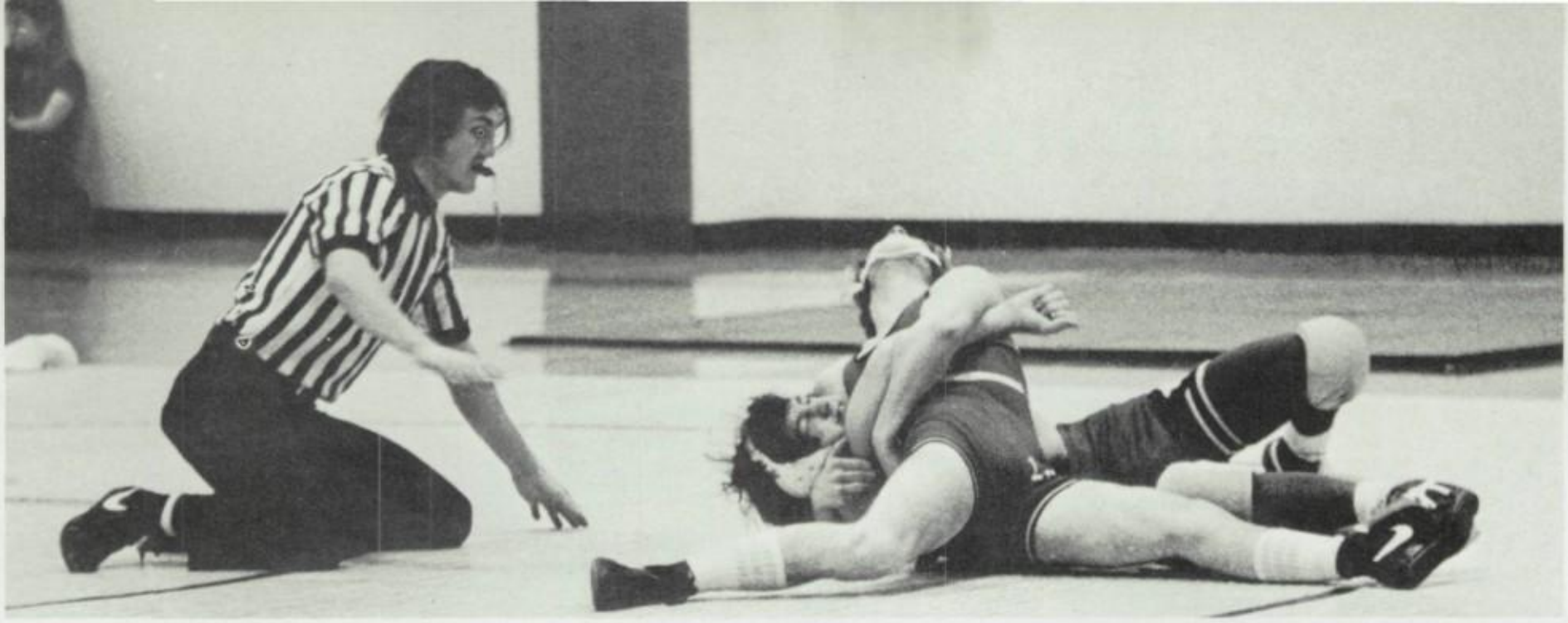
Mentally prepared for a meet with North Pole, the Wolfpack lines up for introductions.

Out of uniform, Wolfpack wrestlers await the bus for the journey to Anchorage.

Psyching up for his match, heavyweight Paul Brown gets a dose of advice from Coaches Scott and Adame.



Despite his opponent's desperate attempts, Russ Talvi puts the finishing touches on the match.



Straining every muscle, Ray Wheat puts forth the effort to pin down a victory.

CONTINUING WEST'S WRESTLING TRADITION, THE WOLFPACK PINNED DOWN A THIRD REGION TITLE

Winning a state championship in any sport is a difficult task. Winning two years in a row is even harder. Coming back a third year as a strong contender and winning a third Regional title is the mark of a consistent champion. These are only a few of the accomplishments under the belt of the Wolfpack grapplers led by Coach Charlie Scott. Wrestling their way through a tortuous season, West's matmen proved that they intended to remain the reigning powerhouse in Region VI.

Throughout the year's matches, it appeared as if the Patriots of North Pole had finally come of age and would topple the Wolfpack juggernaut from their Region throne. The Patriots dominated the mats more than once in meets with West Valley, and seemed to be confident of their newfound strength.

When the all-important meet came around, however, West rose to the occasion and dealt a devastating blow to North Pole pride; an upset victory in the Regional competition. In an atmosphere of intense competition, the Wolfpack and the Patriots battled down to the wire. When the smoke cleared, West had earned itself a third straight Regional title, and came away with individual champions in Craig Woods at 98 lbs; Russ Talvi at 132 lbs; Marty Rawlins at 155 lbs; and Steve Kauffman at 167.

These four matmen journeyed to Sitka, carrying on their shoulders the ultimate outcome of the entire season. Paced by Kauffman's first place title, the Wolfpack secured a fourth place team finish. Woods took second place, Rawlins a third and Talvi was fourth.

Says Coach Scott: "We had a good season, I'm satisfied. We didn't have much to start with but we won Regionals and took fourth in state. You can't ask for much more. This was our low year; next year we should do a lot better."

Looking at the general youth of the squad and the arrival of Coach Adame from Service High in Anchorage, offers a positive outlook for next season.

FRONT ROW: Kevin Kaltenbach, Craig Woods, David Degan, Randy Talvi, Ray Wheat, Russ Talvi.

BACK ROW: Paul Brown, Kib Connon, Marty Rawlins, Steve Kauffman, Dan Bishop, Mike Caciari, Manager Dawn Borjesson.

V. WRESTLING

W.V.H.S.		Opponents
34	North Pole	28
54	Lathrop	3
53	Eielson	5
52	Lathrop	5
16	North Pole	31
53	Eielson	3
12	North Pole	33
54	Eielson	6

1st Region VI
4th STATE
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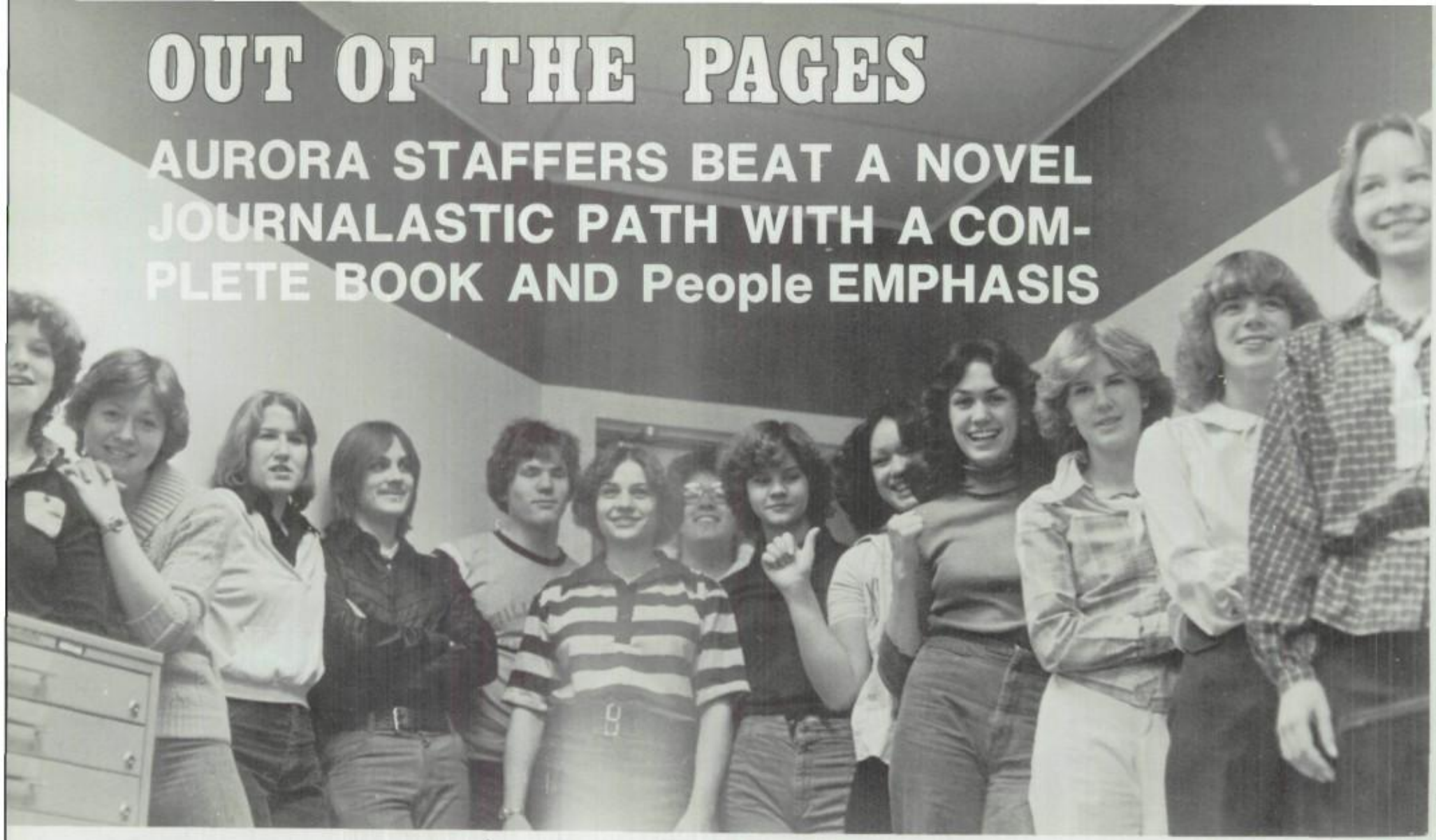
OUT OF THE PAGES

AURORA STAFFERS BEAT A NOVEL JOURNALASTIC PATH WITH A COMPLETE BOOK AND People EMPHASIS



Our designing geniuses: Karen Sole, Kim Barnard, Marcie Hassebroek, Thor Melchior, Terry DeVries, Micky Schruf, Layout Editor; Liz Tonkins, Linda Streit, Marcia Fenton, Layout Editor; Jennifer Fate, Layout Editor; Kelly Wien, Leslie Monroe, Kari Allen.

Sorting mugs is a time consuming job for Kim Barnard and Marcie Hassebroek.

As evidenced by previous pages, you have noticed that this yearbook, the 1978-79 Aurora, is no ordinary production. After the Aurora staff came up with an absolutely extraordinary idea, they went to work to make this book a very special, completely original edition.

Of primary importance as the idea of using People magazine as a model for the desgn of this book, an idea driven by the creative force fo co-editors Lory Barsdate and Russ Talvi. Next came the trendsetting decision to convert the Auroa from the traditional spring delivery book into the complete yearbook.

When the staff came up with the idea to use People magazine as the theme, Aurora Adviser Mrs. Philleo felt it was the most appropriate theme ever. What better way to put the students of West Valley into the yearbook than to concentrate on people and focus on the students themselves?

This was easier said than done. Much of what the staff had previously learned concerning the production of a yearbook, had to be set aside to make room for the style and format of People magazine. More copy was desired, layout of the pages had to be altered and the normal sequence of the book had to be fitted to suit People's format.

The major factor contributing to the success fo this undertaking, was of course, the introduction of the complete yearbook. With the final deadlines for mailing pages pushed toward the end of school, there was ample time to re-educate the staff and to put new staffers through an orientation period. The complete yearbook also left time for a more involved fall sale campaign, including for the first time, room-to-room sales. Most importantly, more time allowed the staff to give coverage of spring events not usually included in the spring delivery books.

The addition of the extra pages, four times the amount of color as was in last year's book, the special autograph supplement and finding the gumption to pave the way for the complete yearbook program was no minor task. The increased pressure on artists, copywriters, layout artists, photographers, editors and our adviser did however prove conquerable and the results of this effort can be seen right under your nose.

Our super sales women; Bernice Burns, Ad Manager; Randi Freeman, Heidi Koerfer, Melody Garwood.

Copywriter Anita Tomany aids artists Jack Dunshie and Shannon West with their creative work.

Bending over backwards to stick with People's style is our copy staff: Cameron Pollock, Jim Roth, Mike Cooney, Copy Editor; and Lora Harbo.

On the other end of the camera for a change are our photographers Dawn Borjesson, Jimmy Wang, and Mark Lewis.

All smiles over this year's edition, Editors Russ Talvi and Lory Barsdate give Adviser Mrs. Philleo a peace of their mind.

KEEPING STUDENTS INFORMED, THE BLIZZARD MAINTAINED HIGH JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS.

Blizzard staff from left to right: Laura Winford, Ellen Bell, Terry DeVries, Julie Burud, Christine Lloyd, Dawn Borjesson, Larry Tarnowski, Berrie Neubacher, Don Theophilous, Marcia Burnside, Joe Kennebec, Bernice Burns and Sandy Lee.

Watching intently, adviser Mrs. Burnside supervises the staff.

Getting it straight, Barrie Neubacher and Lenita Sheridan line up their stories

When it comes to accurate sources of information and entertaining reading, volume five of the West Valley Blizzard is certainly in the top of its class. The 1978-79 editions of West's outstanding paper have proven it to be a steady producer of superior journalistic material. Throughout the year, regular features including College Corner, The Cloths Line, Rock Review and Book Nook looked at our current and future interests while exclusive coverage of school activities and athletic events kept us well informed and up to date. The inclusion of sepcial Christmas and graduation editions greatly enhanced the bi-weekly paper with a spectacular use of color. The Blizzard is one of the few high school papers to use color, let alone with the high standard of excellence in color printing seen this year. Off to a slow start as a result of adviser Mrs. Burnside's three-week absence, the talented staff, under the leatership of editors Don Theophilus and Kristen Lloyd picked up the pace on their way to a very productive year.

Conferring with adviser Mrs. Burnside, editors Kristen Lloyd and Don Theophilus decide what will go in this week's edition.

New staffers Jim Blair, Jeannine Burnett, Lia Turner, Duke Kniffen, Melody Garwood, and Cindy West congregate to perform their tasks.

Finishing up, Bernice Burns puts on the finishing touches.

With the aid of the light table, Lia Turner lays out a page.

SCI-FI FANS AND LITERARY ARTISTS FOUND OUTLETS IN SCIENCE FICTION CLUB AND MIND'S EYE MAGAZINE THIS YEAR AT WEST VALLEY.

Joe Kennebec displays his scissor-wielding skills as he prepares a written work for final layout.

Who knows how many literary geniuses may have passed unnoticed through the halls of West Valley in past years? Who knows how many brilliant ideas remained bottled up inside heads, aching to be let free to flow onto paper and ultimately become a published piece of work? Perhaps many, however, there is no longer any such dilemma. There now exists a tunnel to freedom for those stifled thoughts, a fresh face on the West Valley literary scene. This exposer of hidden talent is, of course, the **Mind's Eye,** West's first literary magazine.

The production of the magazine's third edition proved that the **Mind's Eye** is not just a flash in the pan, but is here to stay. It has made its presence felt through eye-catching posters and ear-catching announcements, as well as through the quality of the magazine itself.

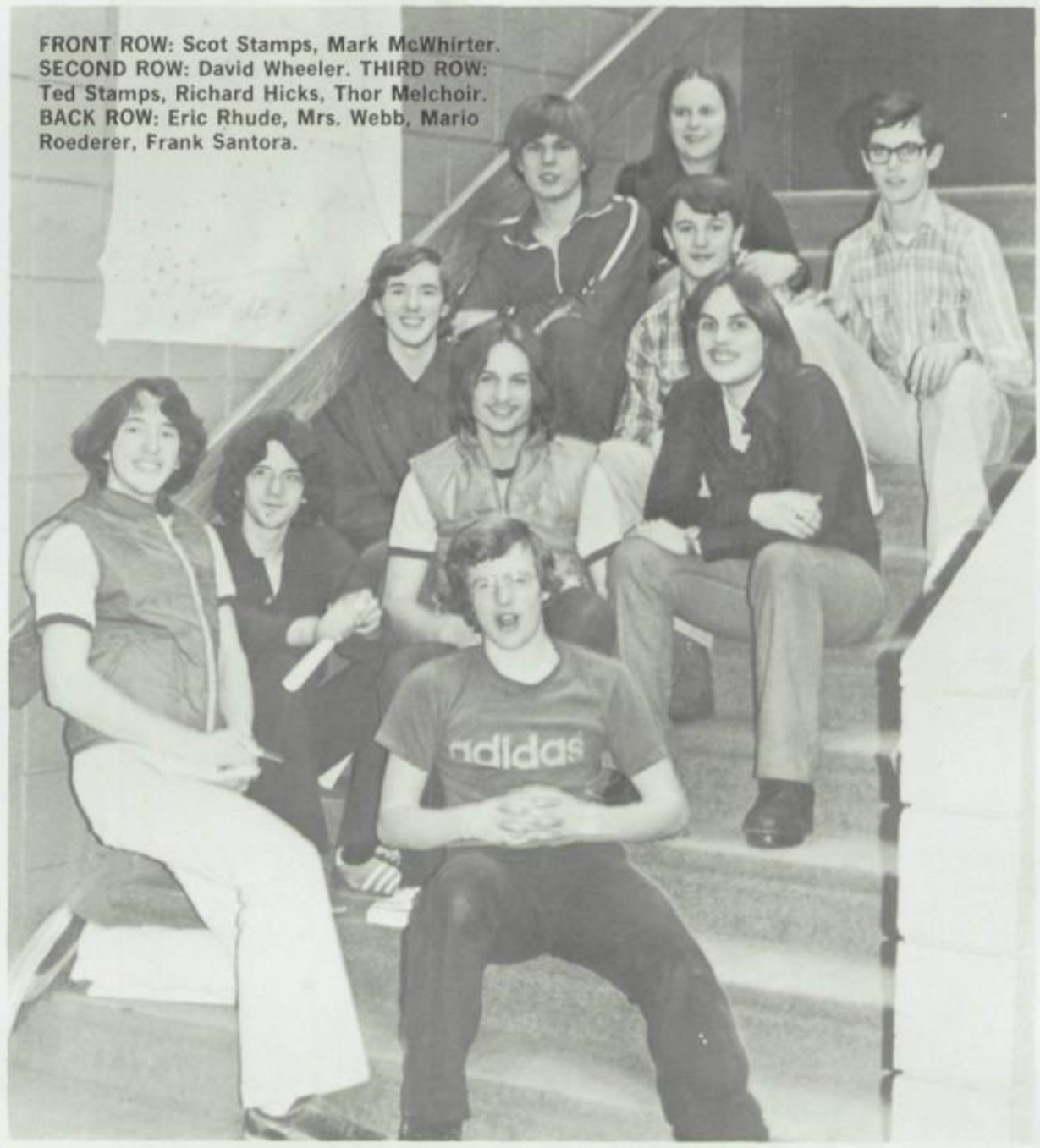
The **Mind's Eye** made its spectacular debut in the Spring of 1978 with a surge of enthusiasm from a group of students and their adviser Madge Clark. At the start, there was simply an editorial staff of nine, working as a single unit to edit submitted material. However, for the Fall '78 edition, Joe Kennebec took over as editor-in-chief, while Diedre Helffrich assumed the position for the spring issue.

The **Mind's Eye** staff overcame the difficulties involved with getting a new magazine off the ground and produced a publication that was well received by the student body. Possessing the determination and dedication to accomplish that deserves a lot of credit, because a project like the **Mind's Eye** is like a cool breeze on an August afternoon; much needed and appreciated.

FRONT ROW: Scott Stamps, Diedre Helffrich. SECOND ROW: Adviser; Mrs. Clark, Bill Winters, Joe Kennebec, JoAnn Perkowski. BACK ROW: Indrek Burgraff, Tom Clark.

Concentrating hard, Tom Clark keeps a steady hand while laying out pages of West's literary magazine.

A hall poster encourages students to get involved and turn in prosaic and photographic pieces to the Mind's Eye.



FRONT ROW: Scot Stamps, Mark McWhirter. SECOND ROW: David Wheeler. THIRD ROW: Ted Stamps, Richard Hicks, Thor Melchoir. BACK ROW: Eric Rhude, Mrs. Webb, Mario Roederer, Frank Santora.

Checking data and observing patterns, Ted Stamps and Eric Rhude look on as the Star Web takes shape.

Lending a helping hand, Mrs. Clark helps Scot Stamps read and sort through the large number of poems and stories turned in to the Mind's Eye.

What do you call a motley collection of Trekkies, Star Wars lovers and Battlestar Galactica fans? A Science Fiction Club, naturally. West Valley's Science Fiction Club offers a place for science fiction groupies to get together in order to exchange books, views, and computer games. Headed by Adviser Kathy Webb, this imaginative group met every other week to discuss current events in the world of sci-fi.

This past year, the Club's main project was a sale of used books to the student body. This sale was the Club's main fund-raiser. The major occupation of the Club members, however, was not the sale, but involvement in the computer game Star Web. Hans Stragier, the founder of the game at West, put long hours into the perfection of the game's computer program. Star Web, along with the standard sci-fi game, Dungeons and Dragons, kept the minds of Science Fiction Clubbers in perpetual motion. So, while the members of the last remaining Battlestar search for the planet Earth, several members of West Valley seem to have found science fiction. Nanu-Nanu.

FOR A SONG

FRONT ROW: Victor LeMay, Kari Wennen, Susan Jones, SECOND ROW: Diane Caldwell, Gillian King, Debbie Thies, Bryan Dickerson, Karen Hilliard, Mary Van Hoomissen, Sandy Flodin, Mary Shroyer, Misty Sundgren, Katie Van Cleve, Alice Hisamoto, Roberta Doner, THIRD ROW: Jennifer Gibson, Ian Morrison, Rosalind Johnson, Lynn Perkowski, Laurie Klepper, Donna Neidhold, Katie Neidhold, Mike Wien, Vanessa Edgar, Diana Zunker, Dawn Bratten, Jill Schoenleber, Antoinette Sanchez, Ruth Milan, FOURTH ROW: Leslie Rogers, Varina Van Veldhuizen, Edith Vaughn, Wendy Conn, Scott Button, Philip Pirie, Benny Shilling, Trent McNelly, Chris Senungetuk, Carl Benson, Mike Caciari, Hans Stragier,

PLAYING AT SPORTS EVENTS, PERFORMING CONCERTS AND SERVICE PROJECTS, THE WOLFPACK BAND SUPPORTED WEST AND FAIRBANKS

By now you should have noticed that West Valley has consistently demonstrated a special, uncanny ability; the ability to excell in nearly every endeavor. Such was the case for the mighty Wolfpack Band. The Band of '78-'79 attested to the fact that West abounded in first-class musical talent.

Literally under the direction of Director Mr. Wiese and Captain Mike Flodin, the Band spent considerable time proving its musical merit.

Aligned in flawless formation, the Band marched at football games, the Special Olympics and played for home basketball games. The Band played over six power-packed concerts, sometimes combining the Stage Band with the Concert Band. In addition to the Christmas Concert and the musical montage of Music Festival concerts, the Band played a November concert and used the $700.00 in proceeds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for the Salvation Army. To finance their tour of South-central Alaska, Band members sold ice cream and candy, made inventories, washed cars, and played in a Christmas music marathon.

Look forward to something different in '79-'80. Mr. Wiese plans to organize two Stage Bands which will focus on "Fortyish Dance Band and Swing style music", while the Concert Band will be "geared to contemporary literature (music)". In regards to a future Wolfpack Band, Mr. Wiese commented, "It should be a strong band next year since we're back to Seniors".

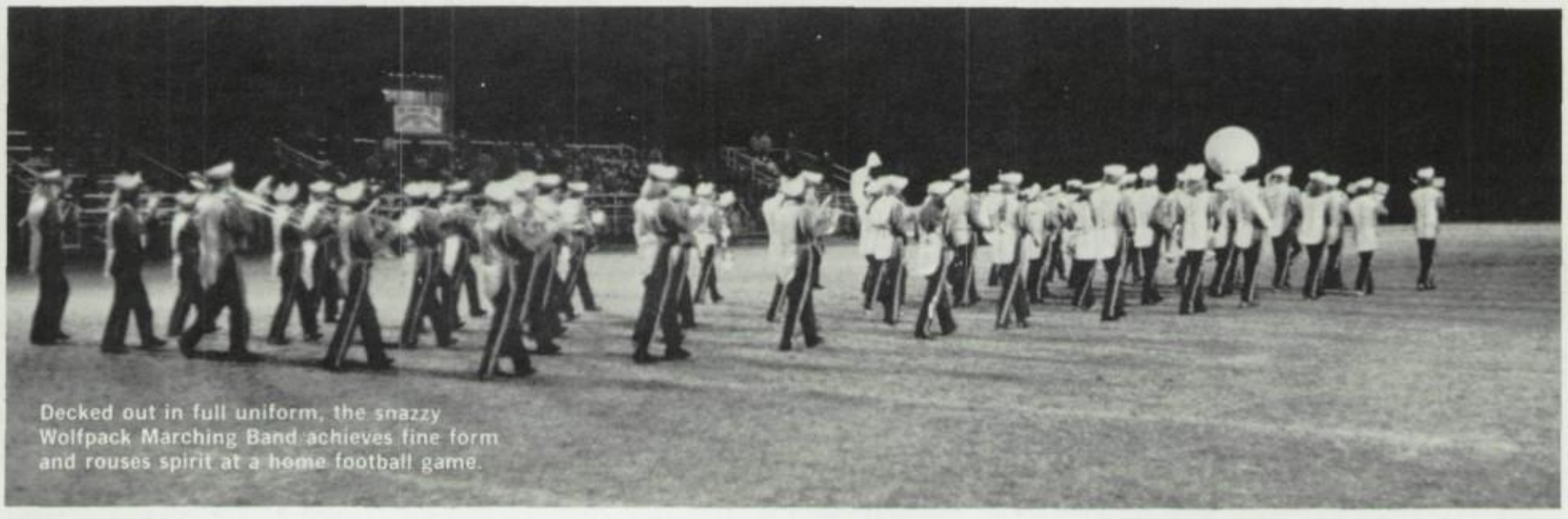
Utilizing the spaciousness of the cafeteria, Wolfpack Band Director, Mr. George Wiese, conducts Concert Band.

Jeannie Morkal, Lori Loud, Kathy Gibson, Jennifer Jordan, Kim Lakin, John Dempsey, Karen Sole, Dan Gerdes, Kara Nance, Richard Tremarello, BACK ROW: Karl Elbert, David Gonzales, Linda Winters, Mark Neidhold, Jan Thomson, Russell Peterman, Bill Cox, Ted Thomas, Mr. Wiese; Director; Mario Roederer, Shawn Slaughter, Paul Brown, Kenny Gibson, Tyler Cook, Bob Andresen, Jon Leonard, Mike Flodin, and Paul Milan.

Flutists Tony Sanchez, Misty Sundgren, and Ruth Milan contribute to the overall sound during an in-school pep assembly in the commons.

The booming of the timpani brings a smile to the face of Wolfpack percussionist Linda Winters.

The Pep Band's brass and percussion sections belt out the fight song for the masses who regularly attend the pep rallies.

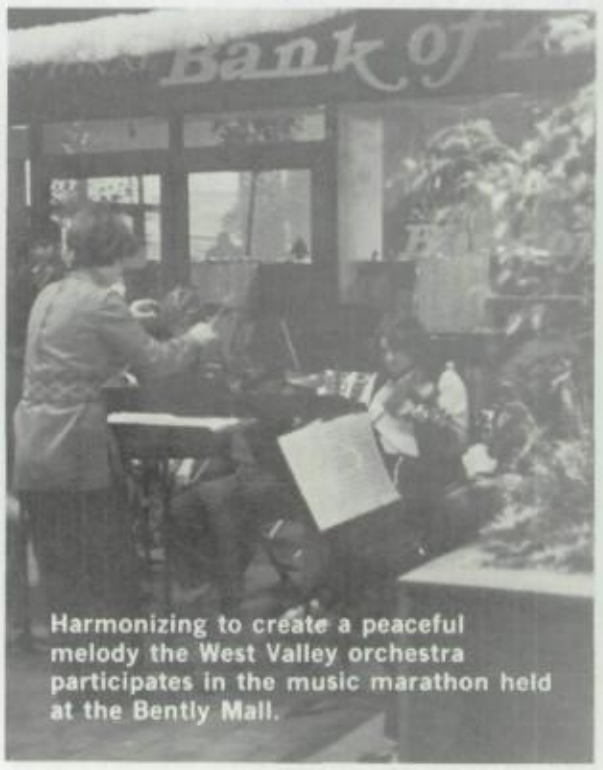


Decked out in full uniform, the snazzy Wolfpack Marching Band achieves fine form and rouses spirit at a home football game.

ORCHESTRATING THEIR WAY INTO MUSICAL PERFECTION THE ORCHESTRA CAPITALIZED ON INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

Under the baton of Mrs. Matschke, the orchestra rehearses its music for an upcoming concert.

With music in mind, Druska Salisbury and Dana Button mix notes to produce a harmonious tone.



Harmonizing to create a peaceful melody the West Valley orchestra participates in the music marathon held at the Bently Mall.

Orchestra consists of Ian White, Katie Fellows Kristen Van Cleve, Jennifer Brice, Arun Sharma, Druska Salisbury, Charlie Koo, Brian Johnson, Dana Button, James Hobbs, Deborah Davis, Joy Phillips, Sheila McCumby, Rachel Lindeman, Janice Trumbull, Barbara Setzer, Brandy Kent, Tom Van Flein and Annie Walters as members while Mrs. Matschke is the teacher and director.

Practice makes perfect and the West Valley orchestra gets plenty of it with Mrs. Matschke instructing.

Bass players Tom Van Flein and Anne Walters maintain in steady background.

Every day during second hour eighteen talented musicians combined their individual skills to create one of the best performances in the state. These musicians were the members of the West Valley Chamber Orchestra and under the direction of Mrs. Matschke, they consistently produced music of the finest degree.

This orchestra proved to be an active group and participated in such activities as Music Festival, orchestra tour, selling candies, performing concerts and sending members to both All-State Orchestra and All-Northwest Honor Orchestra.

Music Festival is an annual event in which orchestras, bands and choirs from throughout the state gather together for the purpose of competition and to perform one extravaganza concert utilizing their combined talents. The orchestra held high hopes of winning the orchestra competition again this year.

Through candy (peanut brittle, chocolate bars) the orchestra planned to finance their mini-tour of the state which was scheduled for the Spring.

West's orchestra staged several Fairbanks area concerts, all of which were highly successful and well attended. In addition to these concerts, orchestra members also participated in the Music Marathon. Conducted for the pleasurer of Christmas shoppers and as a fund-raiser, the orchestra members played for a total of twelve musical hours at the Bentley Mall. Said Mrs. Matschke of the marathon, "It was a great success".

Among the students selected to the All-State Orchestra were West Orchestra members Dana Button, Druska Salisbury and Kristen Van Cleve who were all to play violin I. West Students chosen to play violin II included Jennifer Brice, Deborah Davis, Barbara Setzer and Arun Sharma. Rachel Lindeman was the sole cellist selected from West Valley. In addition to these, three outstanding West students were selected to perform with the All-Northwest Honor Orchestra. These individuals were Druska Salisbury, Dana Button and Richard Tremarello.

Keeping in mind these recently awarded honors and the orchestra's history of excellent concerts, what more can be said of a group of this caliber? Obviously not much, except to wish them continued and even greater success in future years.

BACK ROW: Kristen Lloyd, Mary Bezona, Julie Burud, Chris Coleman, Julie Howard, Liz Tonkins, Frank Viator, Brian Johnson, Bruce Kenyon, Kevin Karella, Doug Holman, Marilyn Childers, Kim Barnard, Joy Phillips, Lori Voorhees.

MIDDLE ROW: Ann Rowinski, Esther Lindemann, Diana Cash, Renee Dykema, Laura Winford, Toby Green, Richard Tremarello, Arun Sharma, Dan Sherman, Lenita Sheridan.

FRONT ROW: Marvilla Davis, instructor; Ellen Bell, Brenda Thompson, Doris Candage, Tim Olson, Shane Holmberg, Jeff Cross, Jan Thomson, Barbie Cavett, Jayleen Fenton, Janice Trumbell.

CHOIR FOUND THEIR TALENTS WENT BEYOND THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO CREATE MUSIC

Anticipating the arrival of Santa, choir members, with enchanted faces, show their yuletide spirit during their interpretation of "The Night Before Christmas".

Choir conductor Marvilla Davis finds herself surrounded by devoted choir members who find Valentine's Day the perfect time to express their gratitude for having her as their teacher.

Serenading valentine sweethearts in yearbook second hour was not a hard request for five big hearted choir members like Jeff Cross, Frank Viator, Julie Howard, Liz Tonkins, and Julie Burud.

Even though a small section, tenors Shane Holmberg, Andy Holman, and Jeff Cross take immeasurable time to learn their music, along with the bass, alto and soprano sections, so that they can provide the audience with the well balanced choir that is heard at every concert.

Putting their ingenuity together Lenoard *Dikes and Don Klepper create the most* outstanding pancakes ever consumed at the annual Concert Choir pancake feed.

As students sauntered past room 187, third hour, they may have wondered who was responsible for the melodious music which emanated from within. The answer, of course, was the West Valley Concert Choir of 1978-79 conducted by Marvilla Davis.

With forty-seven silver-tongued voices, West's Concert Choir was a major attraction and was responsible for performing four concerts and bringing in bigger and more enthusiastic crowds than ever before. In addidion to time spent preparing and giving concerts, the Choir had ample time to sponsor other special events.

One such special event was the Annual Pancake Feed which again took place at ACDC. Featuring the now famous chefs Mr. Klepper and Lenoard Dikes, the afternoon feed boasted excellent table fare and music as the Choir crooned "Tunes to Eat Breakfast By" and contributed to a memorable occasion.

As Valentine's Day neared, the Choir came up with the completely original gimmick "Send-a-Song" which turned out to be a hit with moonstruck students. Students were able to purchase songs for twenty-five cents and in return, the Choir split into groups and serenaded the selected students, in their homerooms, with tunes like "Hello My Baby". For those who participated, it was money well spent for a message of affection.

The choir program in 1978-79 received exceptional student support and as Mrs. Davis stated, "The choir program has grown in both quality and enthusiasm in the past four years. I am very proud to have worked with this program and the students in it . . . they are super! West can be proud of a choir that ranks among the best in the state".

ON STAGE

VISIBLE THESPIANS LIT THE STAGE WITH ENTERTAINMENT

The act of producing a play required weeks for casting and for rehearsal, but with the help of the skilled actors and actresses, technicians, set designers and make-up artists that roamed the halls of West, most of the time spent during those weeks was for rehearsing. Aided by Drama Coach Gene DeWild, the long weeks of rehearsal yielded several plays (and a musical), all of which were smashing triumphs.

West's reputation for producing first-rate dramas, steadfastly increased and drew larger audiences troughout the year as the caliber and variety of such shows as "Harvey", "Christmas Carol", and "Carnival" appealed to many drama-hungry Fairbanksans.

The premier play of the year, "Harvey", was a light comedy featuring of all things, an invisible, six and one half foot tall, white rabbit named Harvey. The comedy was performed for three nights in the Little Theater and attracted respectably sized audiences demonstrating the dramatic and technical abilities of those involved.

Other shows enacted during the year included a dramatization of Charles Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol" and West's first musical, "Carnival".

Future Thespian productions promise to excell in dramatic and technical aptitude for there was, Mr. DeWild stated, "an exceptional technical staff" as well as a number of promising actors and actresses who "with dedication could develop considerably."

None of us should be surprised if one day a shining star basking in the glow of fame, may have once been a West Valley Thespian!

The Thespians were: BACK ROW: Becky Oliphant, David Swartz, Cathy Owen, Indrek Burggraf, Alisa Katai. SECOND ROW: Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Gibson, Mike Wien, Chris Sims, Brian Wescott, Abbie Johnson. LEFT VERTICAL ROW: Mahla Strohmaler, David Thurman, President Carl Heidel, RIGHT VERTICAL ROW: Clerk Susan Jones, Inga Espe, Sandy Flodin, and Vice President Liz Tonkins.

Attention focuses on Elwood P. Dowd, depicted by Carl Heidel, as he explains about Harvey.

Deep in concentration, David Smith manages the lights.

After discovering Harvey's hat, Dr. Chumley, portrayed by Chris Sims, divulges his find to startled Nurse Kelley (Abby Johnson) and Dr. Sanderson (Indrek Burggraf).

Posing for a family portrait are Mae Simmons (Susan Jones), Elwood P. Dowd (Carl Heidel), Veta Louis Simmons (Sandy Flodin), and Harvey.

Ascending to new heights, thespian Brent Undereiner assists in constructing the "Carnival" set.

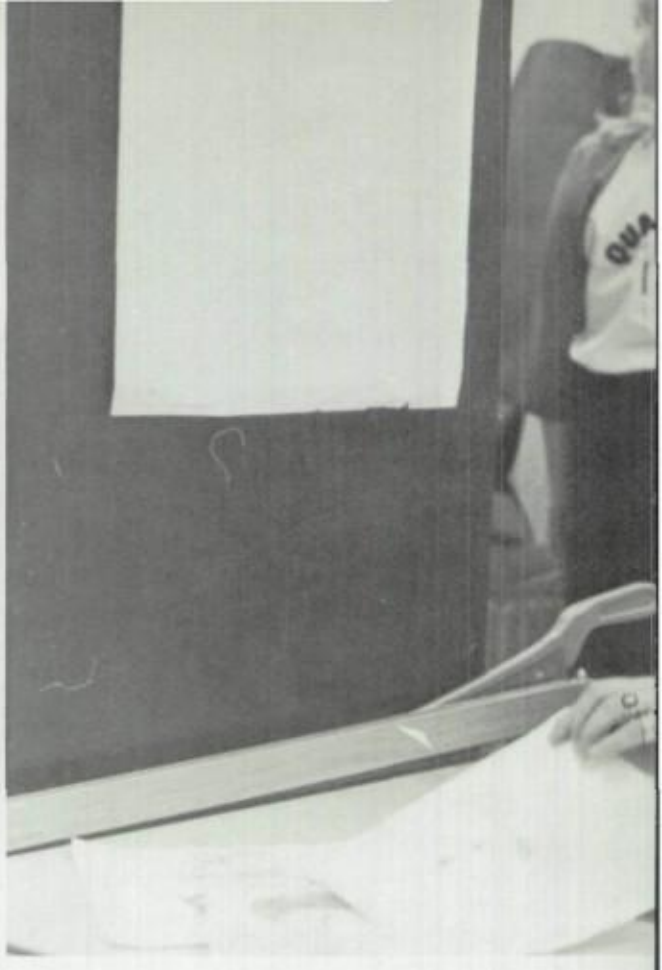
The interogation of Elwood P. Dowd (Carl Heidel) concerning his acquaintance with an invisible rabbit named Harvey, reveals to Dr. Sanderson (Indrek Burggraf) and Nurse Kelly (Abbie Johnson) that Mr. Dowd may have to be committed to Chumley's Rest.

Gregarious but prim Veta Louise Simmons (Sandy Flodin) converses on the telephone.

Virtuous Nurse Kelly (Abbie Johnson) hesitates in agreeing to a date with the suave Dr. Sanderson (Indrek Burggraf).

Sorting through a ten year accumulation of artwork, art clubbers Valerie Wheeler, Susan Posthumas, Tammy Fowler, Dickie Vehmier prepare an art display for the art room.

Art Club headperson Miss Hughes directs the club through the business at hand.



Art clubber Mike Moore trims some sketches in preparation to matting them.

THE ART CLUB EXPANDED TALENT AND EXPERIENCE TO INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM WEST'S ART SHOW TO SNOW SCULPTURE

Utilizing their talent and past experience, the members of the West Valley Art Club sponsored the Fall Art Show. Sponsor Miss Lois Hughes experienced a personal crisis prior to the show, but the club rose to the occasion and, led by officers: Dale McRae, President: and Valerie Wheeler, Secretary; the club took complete control of the situation and master-minded the entire show which came off very smoothly and was a smash-success. Hughes commented that she was "...very proud of the group and wished to thank them for coping so well with the problem."

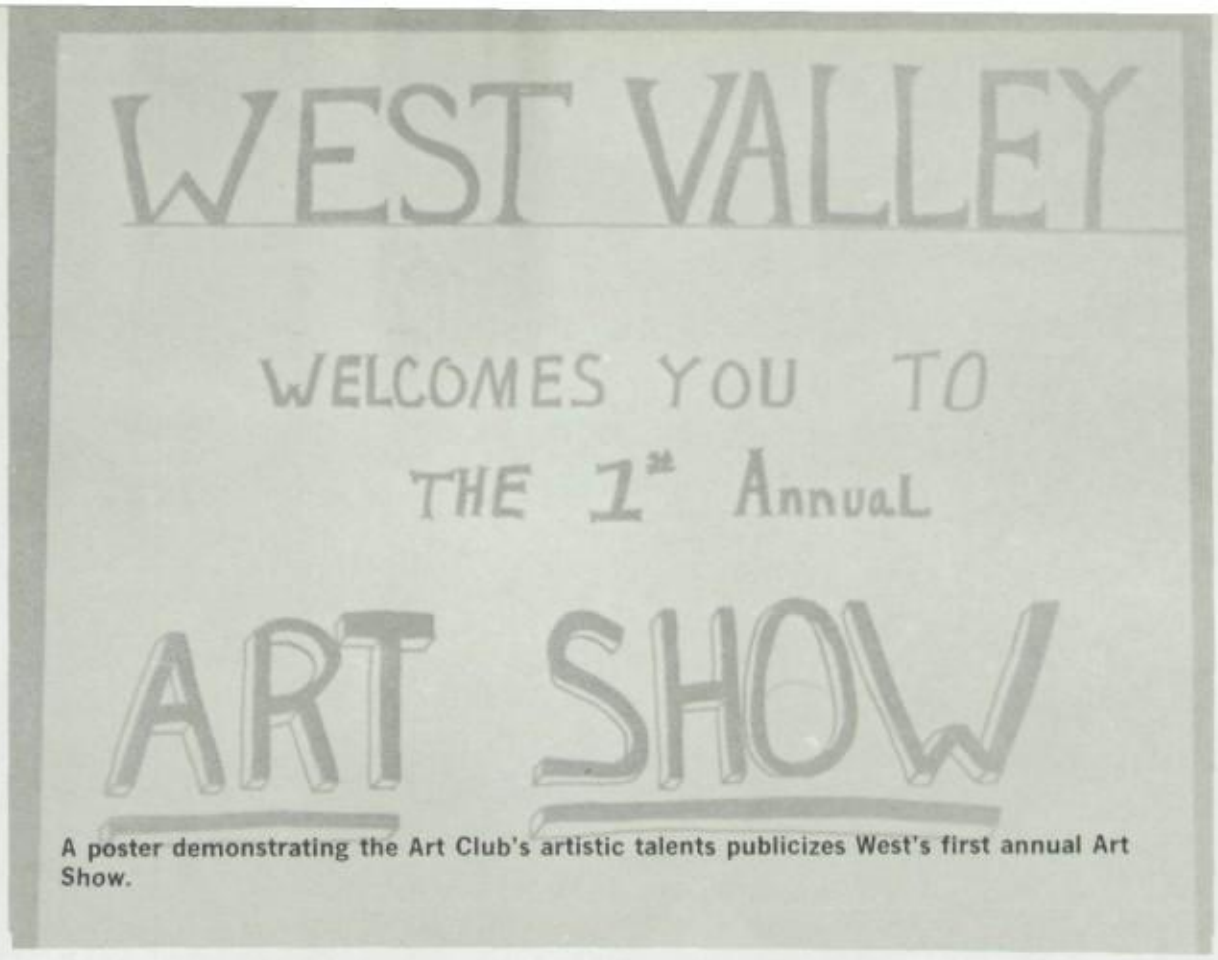
The club also sponsored a Spring show that spanned two week-ends and displayed a broad spectrum of art work produced by a number of artistically proficient West Students.

The club also worked with the Alaska Association of the Arts by aiding in the presentation of a December art show; an honor not to be taken lightly according to Hughes.

Due to interests expresse by its membership, during the second semester the club explored the areas of photography and snow sculpture, enabling members to gain a new appreciation for these art forms.

Expounding on numerous, artistic ideas, West's Art club certainly painted a detailed portrait of school spirit and involvement at West Valley.

Cooperation and teamwork are made evident by club members Dickie Vehmier, Cindy France, and Dale McRae.



A poster demonstrating the Art Club's artistic talents publicizes West's first annual Art Show.

Artistically inclined West students: Valerie Wheeler, Secretary; Pam Lambert, Susan Posthumas, Chris Rollins, Dale McRae, President; Mike Moore, Dickie Vehmier, Tammy Fowler, and Cindy France comprise West's Art Club.

WEATHERING SEVERAL CHANGES. KEY CLUB CREW IN ABILITY TO SERVE.

Members of the 1978-79 Key Club are: BACK ROW: Richard Tremarello, Eric Rhude, Joe Kennebec, Ted Stamps, Mike Flodin, SECOND ROW: David Wheeler, Scot Stamps, Phillip Pirie, Charlie Koo, Darrell Pritchard, Richard Hicks, Fred Randolph, Adviser Mr. Ristow, FRONT ROW: Varina Van Veldhuizen, Connie Gunn, Mike Cooney, Vicky Allen, Vannessa Edgar, Mary Shroyer.

In an effort to reduce the Key Club's point deficit, Ted Stamps concentrates fully on his shot.

With perfect Diming, persuasive Key Clubber Lory Barsdate hits up a West student for a donation to the March of Dimes.

Manning the Keyhole, Charlie Koo serves up a package of peanut M&M's while Scot Stamps rolls change from the cash box.

Key Club room-to-room salesman Eric Rhude sells Marcie Hassebroek a button that will admit her to the Key Club vs. the Girls Varsity benefit basketball game.

Towering over Lori Nordgulen, Key Clubber Richard Tremarello attempts a bucket on behalf of the March of Dimes.

The members of West's most illustrious service organization, the West Valley Key Club, entered the 1978-79 school year a trifle apprehensive and uncertain about how the year would affect them as a club. However, the Key Clubbers lost no time in converting their uncertainty to incentive and asserted their strength and flexability by reshaping their club and by weathering several extreme changes. Their determination coupled with their resiliency served to evolve an unstable club into one that proved capable of performing the school and community service that eventually led to its paramount triumph.

The club began the year in serious financial trouble, but Adviser Bob Sprague, working closely with Treasurer Mike Cooney and Keyhole Director Charlie Koo, managed to put the club back in the black.

Shortly after the club's financial difficulties had been conquered, six year Key Club Adviser Bob Sprague, stepped down and a new teacher at West, Mr. Ristow, stepped in as the club's faculty adviser. Mr. Ristow played an important role keeping the club pointed in the right direction and offering occasional words of advice.

The hottest issue the club had to contend with was whether or not to allow female members. The issue was finally decided during an October meeting and with only a few stalwart members opposed the club voted to admit female students as full Key Club members. West's Key Club was the last club in the Pacific North West District to do so, and senior Lory Barsdate became the club's first female member. As a result of this decision, the club sponsored the first annual Key Club Dance in place of the traditionally formal Keyheart Dance.

The major function of Key Club is to develop leadership and initiative in young men and women by providing them with the opportunity to perform school and community service. In keeping with these objectives, West's Key Club carried out a great deal of service to both West Valley and the Fairbanks community.

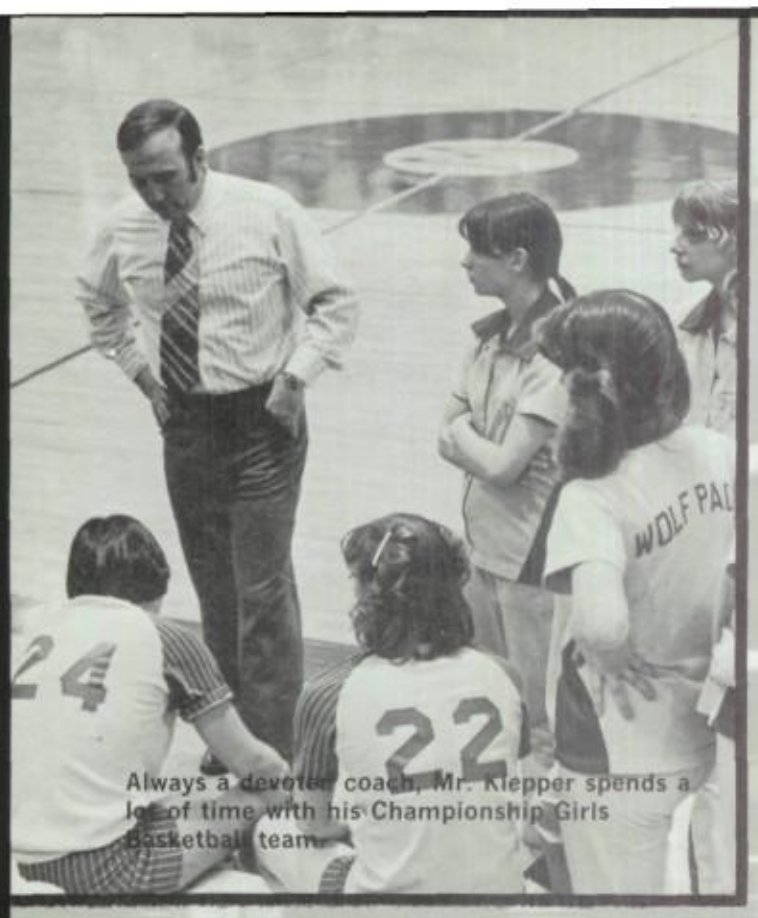
Although the Keyhole did have its short comings, Keyhole Director Charlie Koo and the other club members did a fine job keeping the Keyhole's shelves and West students well stocked with sandwiches,chips, juice and candy. All profits from sandwich sales went directly into a special fund to be used only for the benefit of West Valley, its organizations and, in some cases, individual students.

The club also donated a mind boggling amount of time to community service, chiefly through working with the March of Dimes. The club members played vitally important roles in March of Dimes activities, including Mailers, Mothers' March, MOD Cannisters, and the benefit Ski-a-Thon which annually rakes in over $10,000 for the March of Dimes. The club also sponsored the Key Club vs. Girls Varsity March of Dimes benefit basketball game, and in the process of being annihilated by the girls varsity they managed to pull in $380. The club also took part in the Jerry Lewis Tel-a-thon and parked cars for the Sham Fashional, Heart Fund Ball and the Miss Alaska Beauty Pageant.

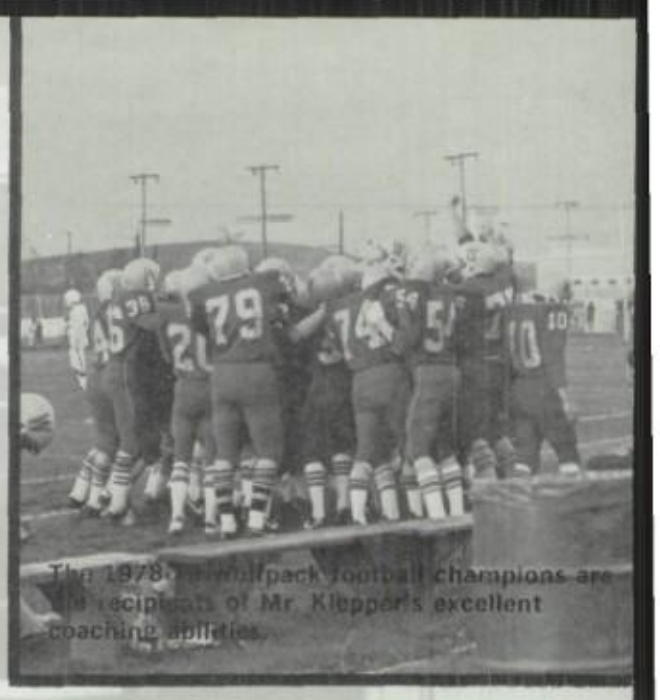
The club also worked in conjunction with its sponsor, the Chena Kiwanis Club, to establish a Builders Club at Ryan. The Builders Club is basically a junior high school Key Club.

The Key Club Executive Board of 1978-79 consisting of Richard Hicks, President; Mike Flodin, Vice President; Ted Stamps, Vice President, Scott Stamps, Secretary; and Mike Cooney, Treasurer, conducted the elections of officers for the 1979-80 school year, during February prior to the Pacific North West District Key Club Convention. The convention, held this year in Spokane, Washington was attended by other clubs from around the district including the West Valley Key Club which sent its Executive Board elect as well as five other club members and two chaperones. The 1979-80 Executive Board is headed by President Richard Tremarello.

In view of what the club members experienced this year including the educational experience of the district convention and even though next year's club will be small it should prove to be an extremely **service-able** Key Club indeed.



Always a devoted coach, Mr. Klepper spends a lot of time with his Championship Girls Basketball team.



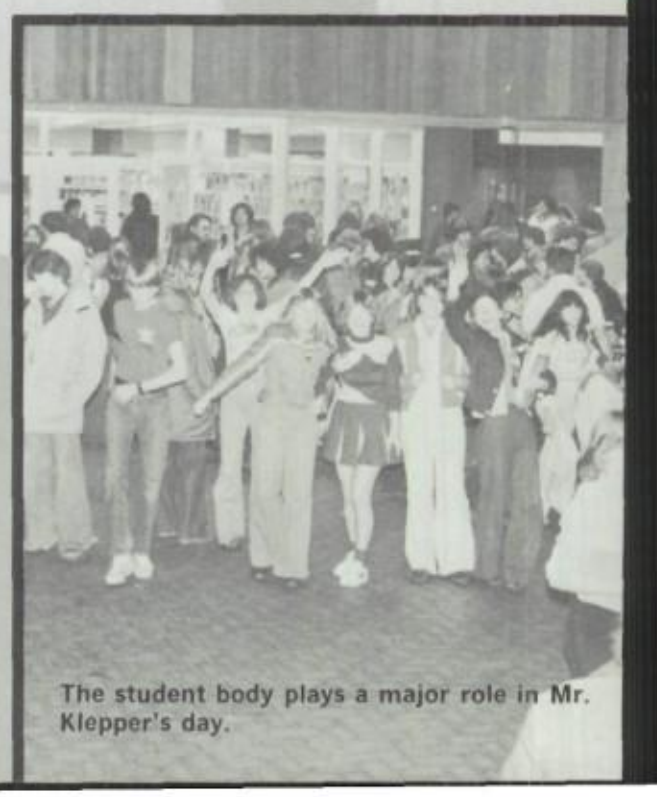
The 1978 West Valley Wolfpack football champions are the recipients of Mr. Klepper's excellent coaching abilities.

A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PRINCIPAL IN MANY WAYS, MR. KLEPPER RAN WEST WITH A STYLE OF HIS OWN

West Valley is indeed fortunate to benefit so greatly from the unique administrative efforts of its Chief Executive; Principal Mr. Don Klepper. Mr. Klepper has always had his own administrative style and consequently, West's administration is as original and effictive as Mr. Klepper himself.

Unlike some principals who may spend most of their day desk-bound, Mr. Klepper likes to spend less time at his desk and more time exploring his school and student body. By keeping in contact with the school as a whole, he feels that he can better understand West's strengths and weaknesses. Observes Mr. Klepper, "Of course there is a certain amount of paperwork that comes with the job, but that's not what is fun. what is fun is watching the students go through the day." One of Mr. Klepper's favorite observation posts is the yellow mailbox outside the library. Reflected Mr. Klepper regarding the lunch hours, "Lunch hour seems to be the melting pot of the school. You see all kinds of kids in all sorts of different situations. By the time lunch time rolls around the kids are tired of school, but lunch seems to rejuvenate them and prepare them for the rest of the day." While Mr. Klepper may be found in a faculty or departmental meeting, he is also frequently found spending long hours after school coaching "his" champion Girls Varsity basketball team or taking part in other activities that are integral part of West Valley.

With a flair for administration, Mr. Klepper heads a faculty meetng in his unique and effective fashion.



The student body plays a major role in Mr. Klepper's day.

DEDICATED AND DEVOTED TO WEST, MR. SHELLINGER ADMINISTERED MORE THAN JUST DISCIPLINE

The two words best describing Assistant Principal Mr. Ed Shellinger and his relationship with West Valley are, versatile and involved. Second in command, Mr. Shellinger, is both versatile and involved in the sense that his job encompasses a variety of roles and in each one of these roles, he is totally involved with and dedicated to the students and faculty of West Valley.

The faculty and student body of West are constantly the lucky recipients of Mr. Shellinger's versatility. He assisted teachers with disciplinary problems and occasionally takes charge of a class if the regular teacher must be absent on short notice. He is famous for maintaining order in the halls and many frequently be heard urging students to hurry to class so that they will not be late. The students are of course familiar with his methods of dispensing generous amounts of discipline, advice and change for the pop machine.

Mr. Shellinger is actively involved in West in a variety of ways. In addition to chaperoning West dances and refereeing football games, Mr. Shellinger seldom misses the chance to attend West's musical, theatrical and athletic events.

As assistant principal at West Valley, Mr. Stellinger brings about a certain sense of orderliness and harmony to both school days and school activities.

Always ready to extend a helping hand, Mr. Shellinger aids students, Todd Hume and Sherry Burcell.

All eyes and ears are on Mr. Shellinger as he gives a talk at the freshmen orientation.

The Sultan of Swat prepares to exercise his talents on Jessica Gavora.

TEACHER

Bonnie Baker; Creative Writing, Am. Lit., Speech, Applied Comp.

Sally Allison; Basic Comp., Am. Govt., U.S. History / NHS Adviser.

Lois Hughes, Art / Art Club Adviser.

Gene DeWild; Speech, Drama I and II, Theater Production, Drama Dir./ Thespian Club Adviser.

Mrs. Marcia Burnside; Debate, Speech, Basic Comp.II, Journalism I and II/ Blizzard Adviser.

Mrs. Audrey Copeland; Western Civ. I, II, III, Comparative World Religions, Anthropology, / AFS Adviser.

Mrs. Carlson; Social Studies, P.E./ X-country ski coach.

Mrs. Mattie Herning; Typing and Accounting.

Mrs. Mary Lou Brent; English, U.S. History, Psychology.

Mr. Adame; Western Civ., Modern Geography/Football, Wrestling, Track.

Don DeWitt; Geometry, Alg. II and Trig., Ap Math, Math/ Foreign Language Dept. Head.

Madge Clark; English Lit., Popular Novels, Applied Comp., Survey of Lit./Mind's Eye and *Hockey Cheerleader Adviser.*

Joe Caciari; Phys. Science, Life Science/ Head Football coach, Frosh Basketball coach.

Mr. Ted DeLeon; P.E., Athletic Director/Assist. *Football coach, Boy's Varsity Basketball* coach.

Bill Ernst; Driver's Ed./ Badminton coach.

Marvilla Davis; Life Science Choir, Guitar/ Sophomore Class adviser.

Diadre House; P.E./ Gymnastics Team Adviser.

Edie Green; U.S. History I, II, III/Student Council Adviser.

Carl Holzmueller; Earth Science.

Mrs. Heimer; Clothing Construction, Independent Living, Child Development.

Mr. Dick Korvola; General Economics, Economics Analysis, 20th Century Russia/ Chess Club Adviser, Alaska Energy Contest.

Donna Matschke, Chamber Orchestra, String Ensemble, Training Orchestra, Music Theory, Orchestra.

Sandra Madsen/ English, Latin, Social Studies/ Latin Club Adviser.

Karen Hagglund/ Typing IA, IIA, Shorthand IA/ Aisist. Girl's Basketball coach.

Mrs. Jan McNeely; Occ. Basic Math, Occ. Lang. Arts/ Pep Club Adviser.

Mrs. Francine Mears; Am. Lit. (H), Vocab. Development, AP English, English Dept. Head.

Doris Ray; AP History, Amer. Legal System, Amer. Govt. (H), West Valley AP Coordinator.

Noel Napolilli "Nap"; Auto Consumer Maintenance, Power Mechanics.

Mr. Rodey; Private Pilot Ground School, Alaska Past and Present, Photography.

Susan Peters; Spanish, English.

Mr. W. F. Ristow; Drafting, Wood Shop/ Key Club Adviser.

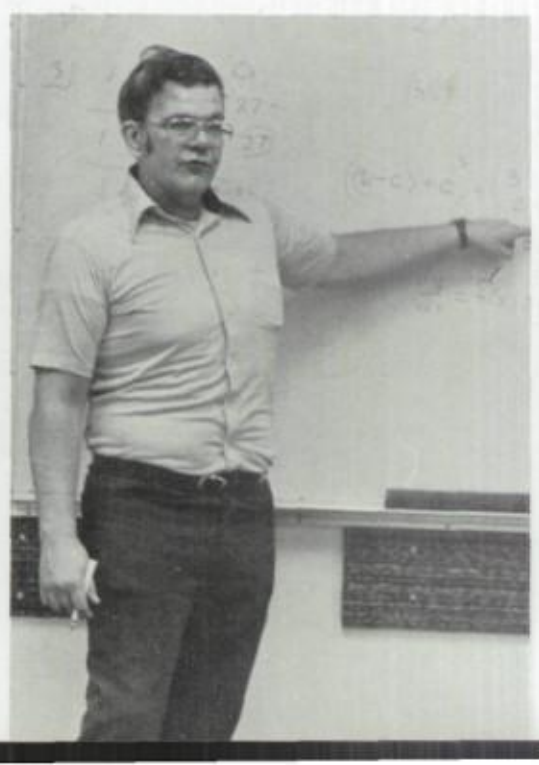
Matt Steffes, Alaskan Mammals, Ak. Fish and Birds, Elem Algebra/ Volleyball coach.

Ms. Deborah Pomeroy; Chem., AP Chem., Science Dept. Head.

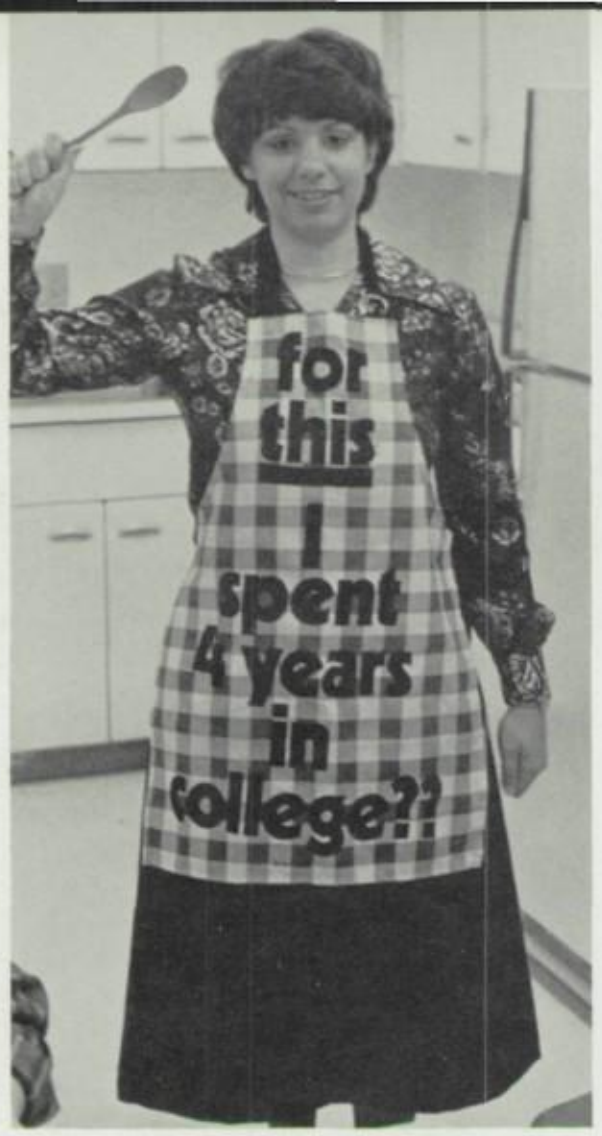
Mrs. Barbara Philleo; Mass Media, Yearbook/ Yearbook Adviser.

Al Shoats; P.E., Health/ J.V. Basketball coach.

Mr. Morgan Ree; Geometry, Elem Functions computer Programming.



Mrs. June E. Thayer; Applied Comp., Survey of Lit., Intro. to Lit. (H).



Mrs. Seeliger; Home Ec.,

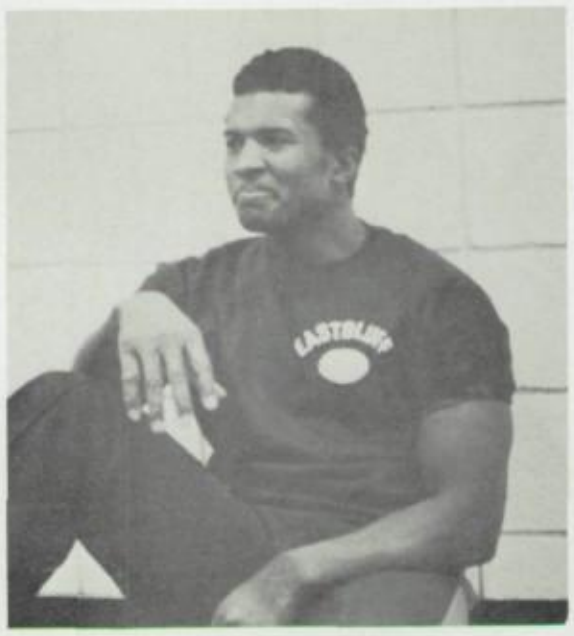
Mr. Virgil Thayer; Shop.

Jim Walker; Botany, Zoology, AP Biology/ Senior Class Adviser.

Mr. Tommy Turner: Wood Shop.

Mrs. VanEnkevort "die Fuhrerin"; French, German, English/ Foreign Language Club Adviser.

Charles Scott; P.E., Pottery/ Wrestling coach.



Mr. Charles Thomas; Frontier Lit., Intro. to Lit., Basic Comp., Survey of Lit.

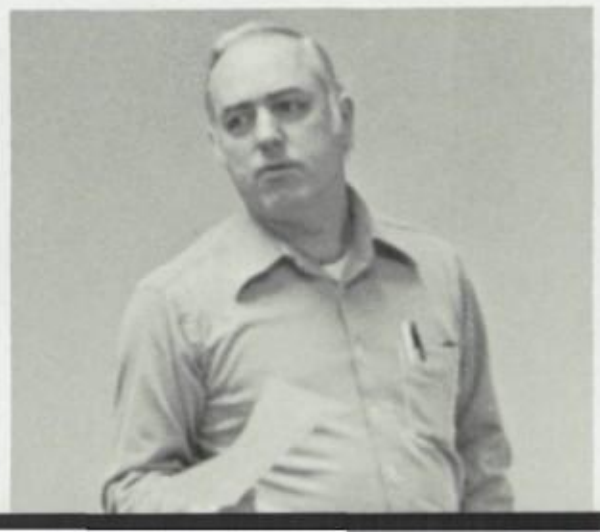
Mr. Lee Solis; Basic Math, Consumer Math, Elem Alg. I/ Rifle Team coach.

Kathy Webb; Am. Lit., Advanced Comp./ Junior Class and Science Fiction Club Adviser.

"Tark" Tarkiainen; Environmental Science, Biology/ Ice Hockey coach.

Mrs. E. Rodreguez; Math.

Bob Sprague; Math/ X-Country running coach.



Mr. Woody Wenstrom; Geometry, Algebra I, Basic Math/ Freshman class adviser.

Mr. George Wiese; Beg., Training, Concert Band, Pep Band, Stage Band.

Miss Becky Wilbanks: History, Math/ Freshman class adviser.

Mr. Mark Gonowicha; Library Assistant.

Mrs. Margie Thomas; Librarian.

Mrs. Joan Wilcox: Nurse.

Leonard Dykes; Custodian and All-Around Fix-It man.

Marcia Snyder; Secretary to Mr. Klepper/ Cheerleading adviser.

Mrs. Alma Pratt; Records.

Mrs. Garvey; Secretary/ Mat-Maids adviser.

Jana Hyatt; Attendance secretary.

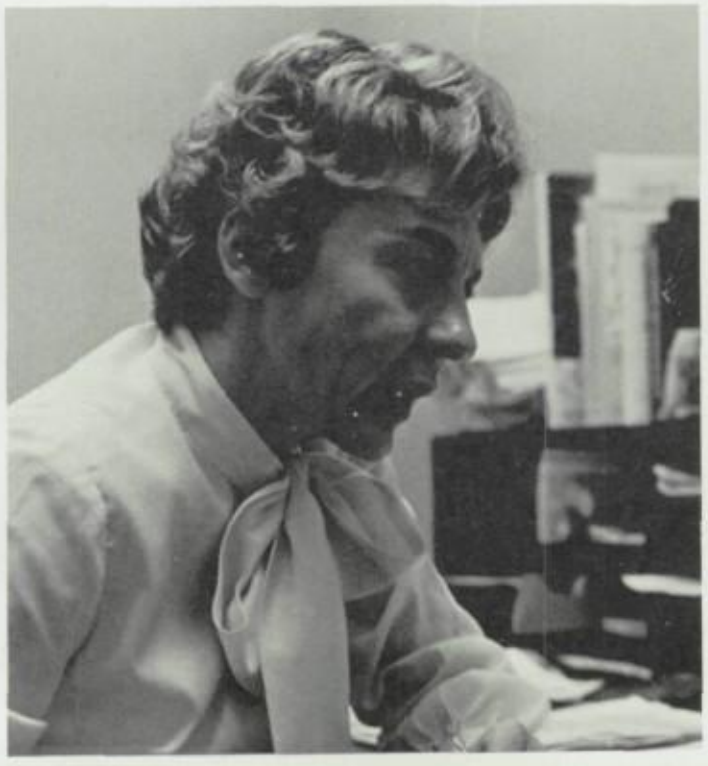
Mr. Frank McGuigan; Counselor.

Ms. Beverly Byington; Counselor.

Mrs. R. Hayes; Counselor.

Ms. Heidi Hyser; U.S. History II, II, Ceramics, Am. Govt. Student Teacher.

Mrs. Pat Birklid; Counseling secretary.



Mr. Sacco; Earth Science. Student Teacher

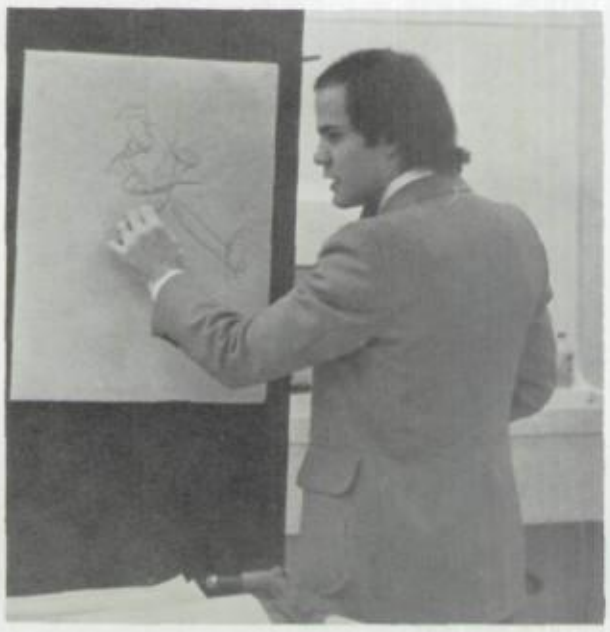
Mrs. Allgood; Western Civ. Student Teacher

Ms. Christensen; Biology. Student Teacher

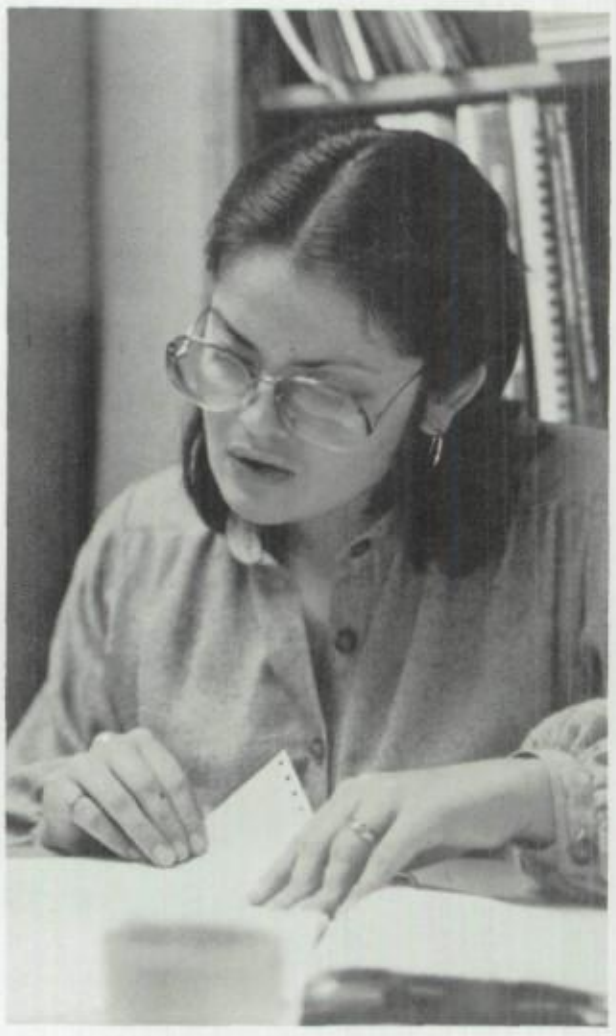
Miss Joan Paine; Applied Comp., Survey of Lit.
St. Teacher

John Wey; Biology. Student Teacher

Mrs. Leslie Dolan; Shorthand, Typing IA, IIA.
Student Teacher



John Lentine; Art. Student Teacher



JoAnn Coffroth; Native counselor.

INVENTORS

PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN VOCATIONAL SKILLS HUTCHISON ALLOWED FOR A BREAK FROM REGULAR CLASSES

Why did one-hundred and fifty West Valley students leave West to journey through the frequently icy cold winter air to Hutchison Adult Career Development Center everyday? The reasons varied, but all of them were convincing.

Many students were simply not interested in carrying their education on to the college level following high school. This is probably the single most common reason for attending ACDC, as demonstrated by the large number of students who learned a vocation in order to get a head start in the job market following their graduation. At Hutchison it is possible for students to learn anything from cooking to carpentry, from engine repair to child care, and make money at the same time. Another reason West students hiked the trail everyday, was to earn enough credits to achieve early graduation. Hutchison gave the college-bound students the opportunity to take classes not offered at West Valley. Other students simply felt they needed a break from sitting in regular classrooms all day.

Whatever the reason, the numerous classes available at ACDC appealed to the West students who recognized an excellent opportunity when they saw it.

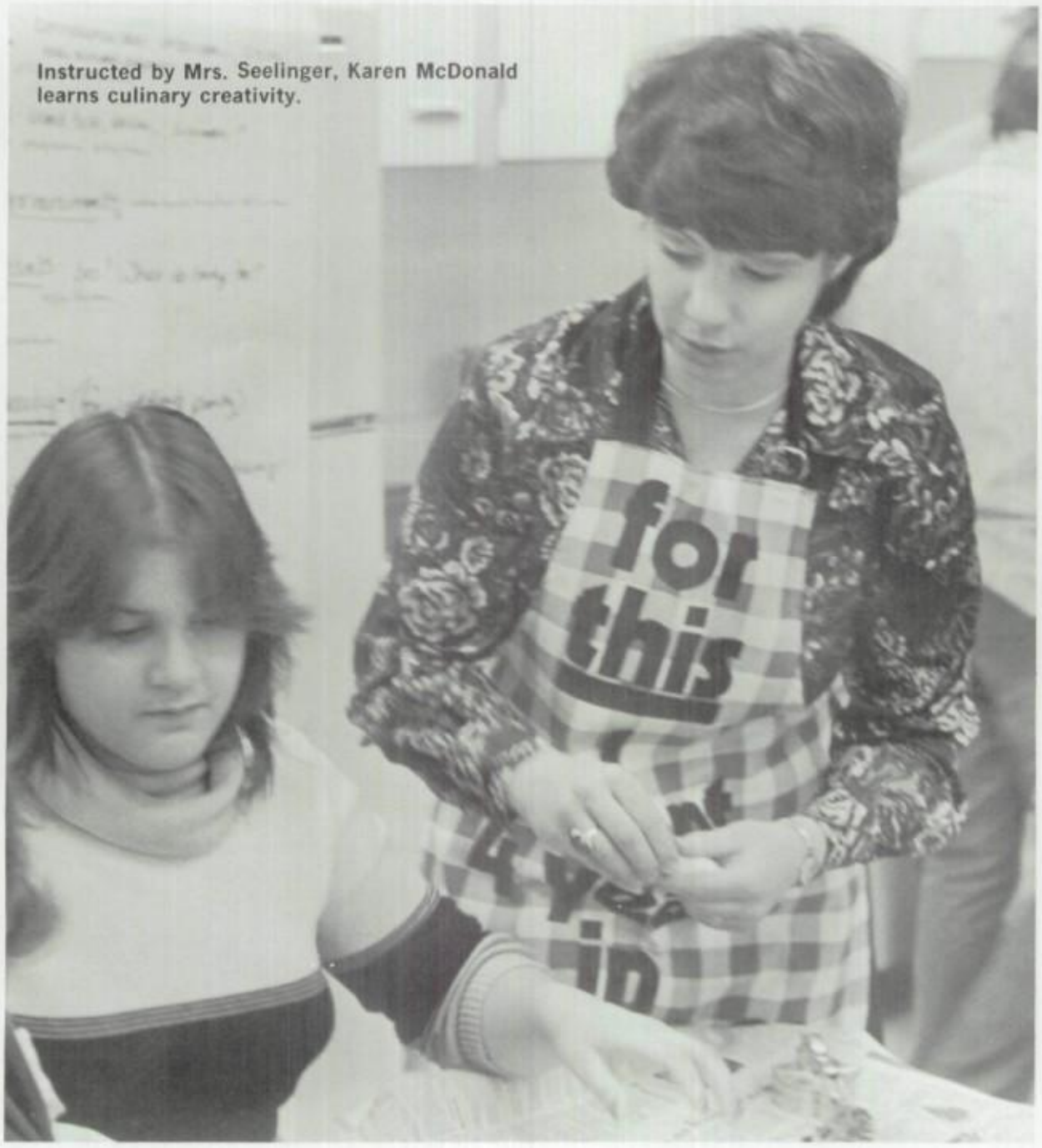
Learning a skill invaluable to office work, Jackie Schloesser practices her shorthand.

Touching up on his gas welding skills, Daryl Avara prepares to put a pipe to the torch.

Laying down the rules, Gene Dinkel drafts a plot plan for a house.

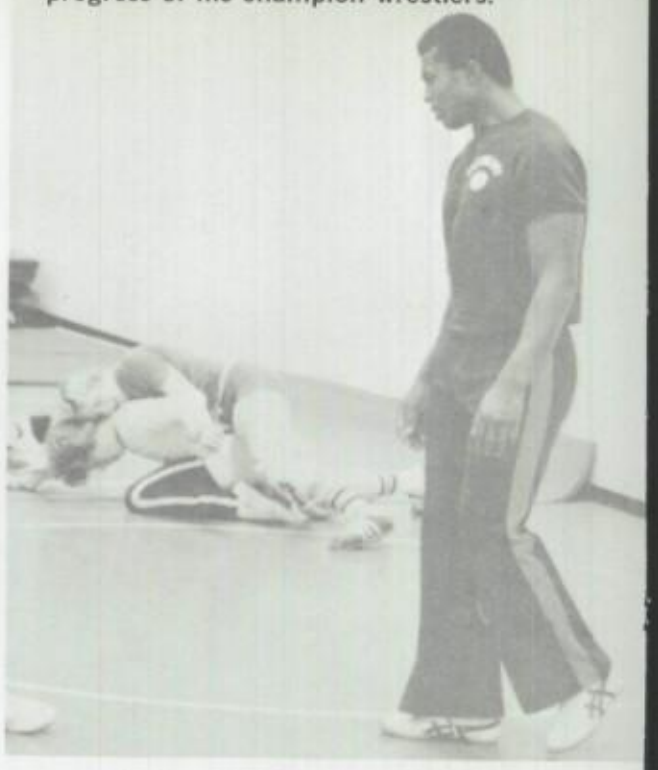
Engaged in conversation while working on an engine are Pete Mayo, Robert Holden, and Todd Gardner.

"SURVIVAL" CLASSES IN VOCATIONAL AND LIVING SKILLS PREPARED STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL



Instructed by Mrs. Seelinger, Karen McDonald learns culinary creativity.

Self-defense instructor Mr. Scott monitors the progress of his champion wrestlers.



Cutting the wedding cake, Tammy Kashita and Jim Desrochers participate in a mock wedding.

"School" and "learning" are words thought of simultaneously. Typically, the purpose of school is considered to be the edification of students in basic academics—math, science, English and social studies. These fundamentals are emphasized, but West Valley students also have the opportunity to take "survival" classes in vocational and living skills. Such electives teach students how to deal with people, problems, and situations that could be encountered in day-to-day living outside of school. Topics vary from typing skills to married life to automobile repair.

In the business department a student not only may discover how to type, but he or she may also learn how to keep and balance books as well as aquiring facility in such skills as shorthand. Typing, accounting and secretarial skills are valuable assets to the student with notes to take, reports to type or with aspirations toward employment in a business occupation.

The Family Living classes prepare students for the outside world's problems and decisions through the exchange of roles, ideas, opinions and through the discussion of pertinent and controversial subjects. By staging a mock wedding complete with tuxedos and wedding gowns (paid for by pizza sales), students learned about the preparation and cost involved in a marriage ceremony.

In the automotive mechanics courses, inspection of the innards of cars and painstaking repair jobs on engines provided students with practical mechanical experience. With new knowledge of car and engine repair locked under their hoods, students were well prepared for potentially nasty breakdowns on Alaskan roads.

Through these courses and others, students learned how to cope in the world outside of school. Valuable and marketable skills are offered simultaneously with academic fundamentals, providing students with a wide spectrum of experiences.

On their way to becoming proficient typists, Richard Tremarello, Brent England and Curtis Froese keep their eyes on the book.

Developing driving skills on simulators before taking to the streets are Kelly DeGabain, Bill Delany, and Susan Stone.

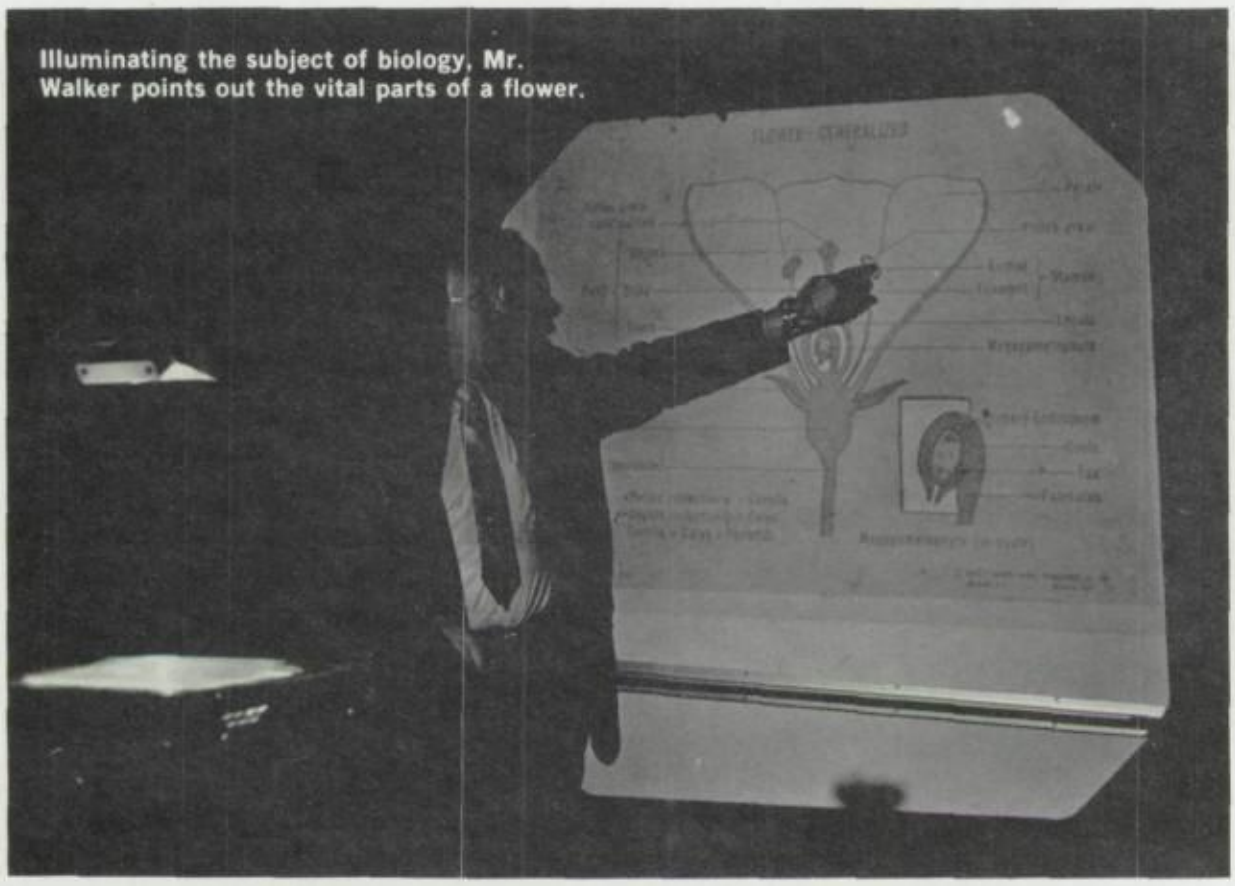
Using the bleachers as her desk, Cathy Miles concentrates on a P.E. test.

Under the watchful eye of Mr. Reed, geometry students discover the wonderful world of trigonometry.

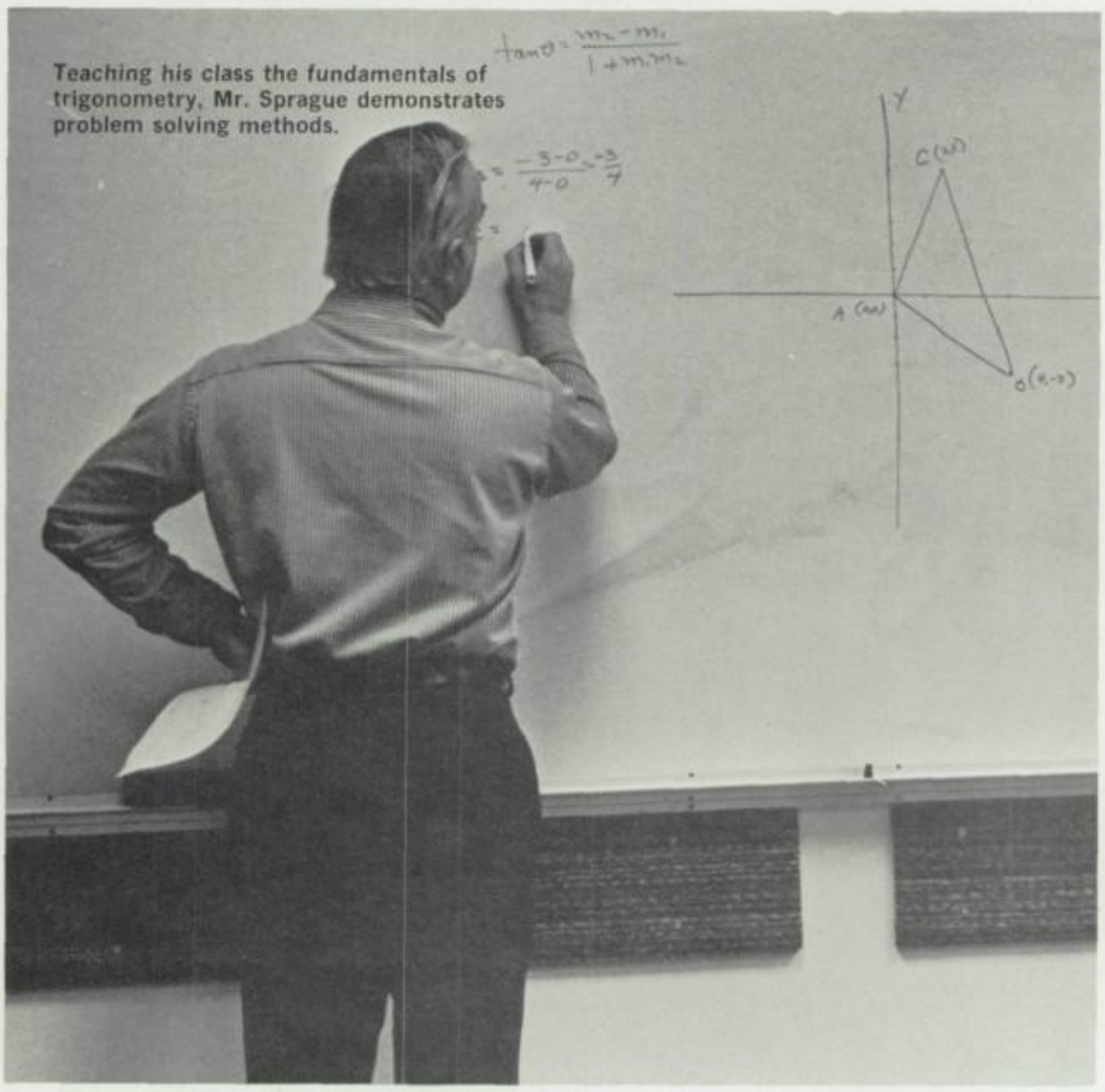
Adding a new twist to earth science, student teacher Mr. Sacco charms a snake.

Learning correct laboratory techniques, John Monroe and Lia Turner calculate their data.

LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS PROVIDED AN EMPIRICAL FORMULA FOR LEARNING



Illuminating the subject of biology, Mr. Walker points out the vital parts of a flower.



Teaching his class the fundamentals of trigonometry, Mr. Sprague demonstrates problem solving methods.

A strong science department is a vital, integral part of any quality high school. Interesting and varied science classes enhance the curriculum, providing preparation for college or simply teaching students the basics essential to surviving in life after high school. Of course, no science department is complete without a solid math department to supplement it. Math classes teach students mental discipline and the art of thinking logically. West Valley has the extreme good fortune to possess both an excellent science department and a well ballanced math program.

The science department had a busy year with the addition of numerous pieces of interesting equipment. The long-awaited gas finally arrived, relieving chemistry students of the hassle associated with the small, portable gas tanks. A shipment of physics equipment arrived, allowing students to take part in labs and conduct the experiments relating to physics. Most notable, however, was the attainment of a new laser and experiment kit used to produce holograms. Due to budget cuts, there will, unfortunately, be no such new equipment coming next year, but Department Head Ms. Deborah Pomeroy felt it would not significantly hurt the science program.

When asked what went on in the math department this year, Department Head Don DeWitt replied, "Same old stuff." There was, however, at least one new development. While some dedicated math students struggled to master Pythagorus' Theorum of Peano's Postulates, the students of the computer programming classes spent their time working with the computer terminal recently acquired by West Valley. The computer terminal, which was hooked up with the University of Alaska, aided the computer programming classes immensely.

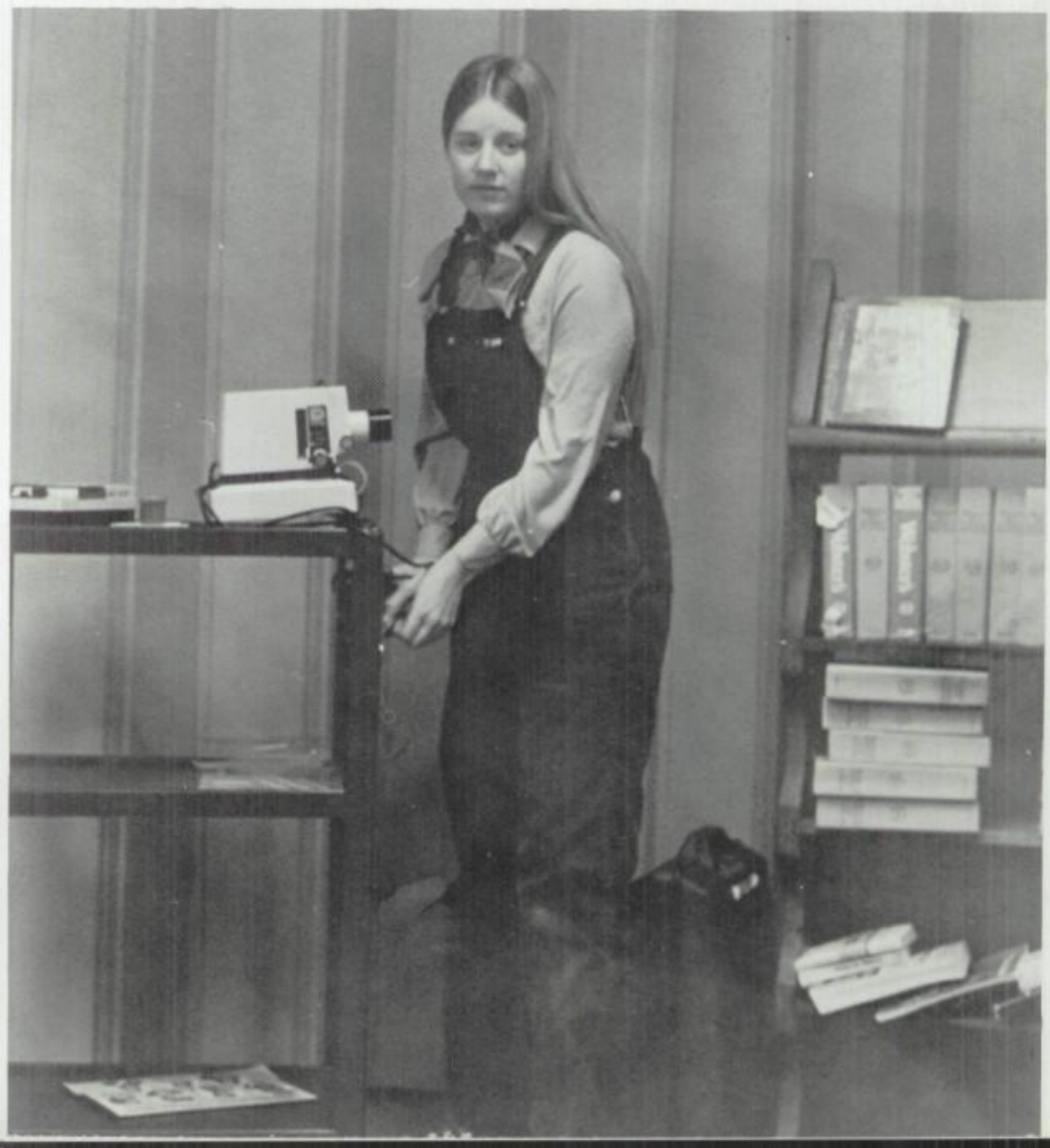
Taking into account the new equ1pment received by the science department as well as the basic strength and stability of the math program, West's math and science departments led a productive year.

WITH SPEAKERS AND FILMS, THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OFFERED AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SOCIAL SYSTEMS

Reminding us of the days when knights were bold
is Mrs. Copeland's bulletin board.

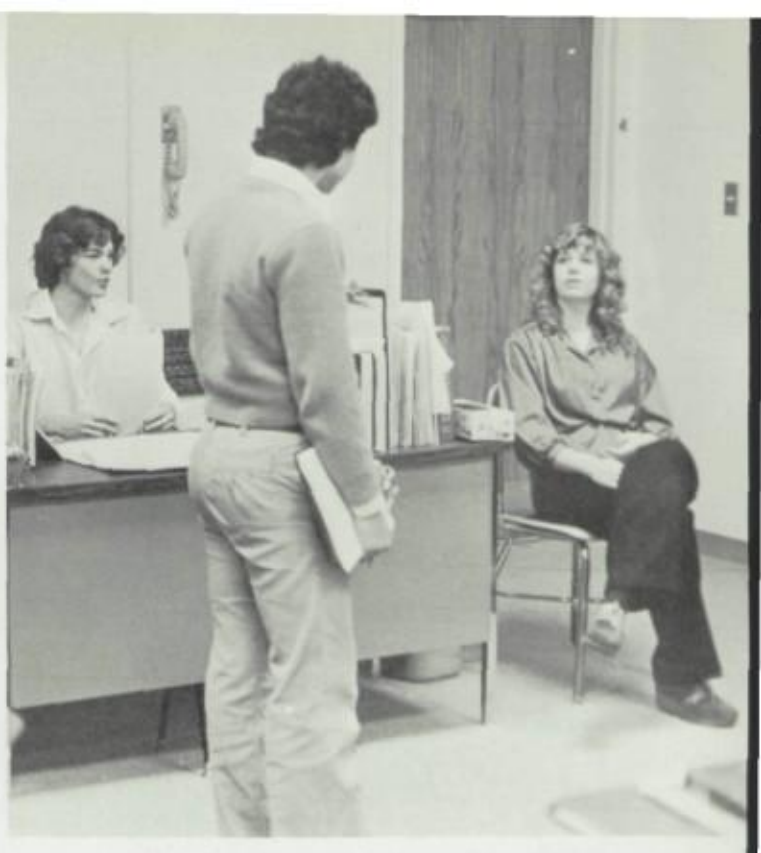
Utilizing a variety of teaching methods, Mrs. Ray winds up a lecture with a film.

Taking charge of Mrs. Allison's history class, student teacher Heidi Hyser prepares to show a filmstrip.

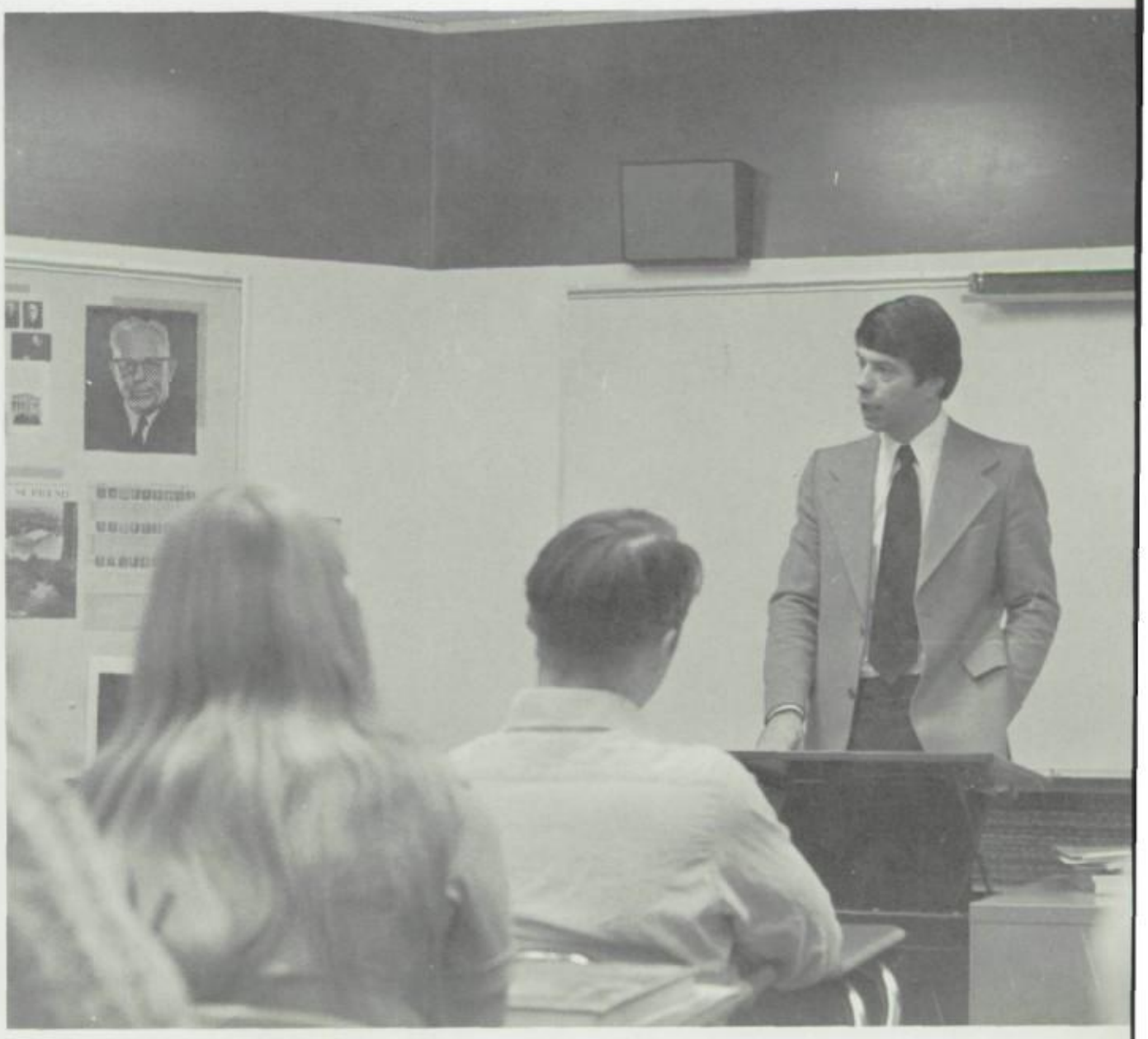


Preparing young citizens to be effective members of our political and economic system is the major objective of West's social studies department. Through required courses, students are introduced to basic economic concepts, the American political system, United States history and world cultures. The department also offers elective courses in particular areas including psychology, recent Russian history, comparative world religions and the American legal system. Accelerated courses in government, economics, and United States history also are available for indepth study.

Films, filmstrips and guest speakers often augment social studies courses. In the '78 election year many political candidates spoke to West classes. Various representatives of the judicial system visited the American Legal System class and economics students were able to converse with experts including a hiring and labor specialist and a local banking executive. A forum with knowledgeable panelists was held at the University in November enabling students to discuss Fairbanks' boom-and-bust cycles and the future job market. Government students attended school board and borough assembly meetings, observed court proceedings and re-drafted the Constitution. All of these activities enhanced the students' understanding of the social systems in which they work and live.



What better way to learn how the participants of a trial feel and what they are thinking than to experience it? Here, Mrs. Allison's government class stages a mock trial with Mike McCotter acting as judge, Osama Elshamma as defense attorney, Lois Carpenter as defendent, Brian Leschorn as a witness, and Tom VanHoomissen and Katie Neidhold as the prosecution. Such mock-ups teach students how courtroom trials are conducted and provide for a better understanding of our legal system.



Guest speakers highlighted the year for the Social Studies Department and here two of our most illustrious guests speak with government classes. Don Young and Pat Rodey, candidates for U.S. Congress both presented their views and answered questions during their campaigns for election.

FOCUSING ON A DIVERSIFIED PROGRAM AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CHARACTERIZED THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'S SUPER YEAR

If an annual prize was awarded to the high school possessing the most outstanding English program, West Valley, due to the superhuman efforts of its English Department and its extraordinarily diversified, high quality English program, would have certainly won the 1978-79 prize hands down!

English Departmental Head Mrs. Francine Mears met with other teachers in the department frequently throughout the year in efforts to upgrade the curriculum and to plan activities that would supplement and correspond to the English program. Mrs. Mears was pleased with the progress already made and had special praise for the variety of English electives available to West students and the many interests represented by them.

In addition to keeping the already fantastic program rolling, the department went one step further and provided many students with additional educational opportunities, inlcuding films, plays and field trips. During the first semester, many of the English classes attended a special showing of "Great Expectations," a film production of Charles Dickens' classic novel. Soon after the start of the second semester, English classes comprised of Juniors and Seniors were privileged to see the film production of John Steinbeck's "East of Eden". Other special in-school activities included the palys "Twelve Angry Men" attended by the Survey of Literature classes and a special Christmas production of "A Christmas Carol" that was open to the entire student body.

Throughout the year, several English classes ventured to the U. of A. Concert Hall to see the first Alaskan production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". While most of the English classes used our school library, the Advanced Composition classes occasionally trekked up the hill to make good use of the U. of A.'s extensive library.

Even though there may not be an English departmental prize, with an English program like West Valley's, who needs one?

Searching for valuable information, Joni Papp, Steff Compeau and Jim Roth employ the microfilm projectors at the U. of A.

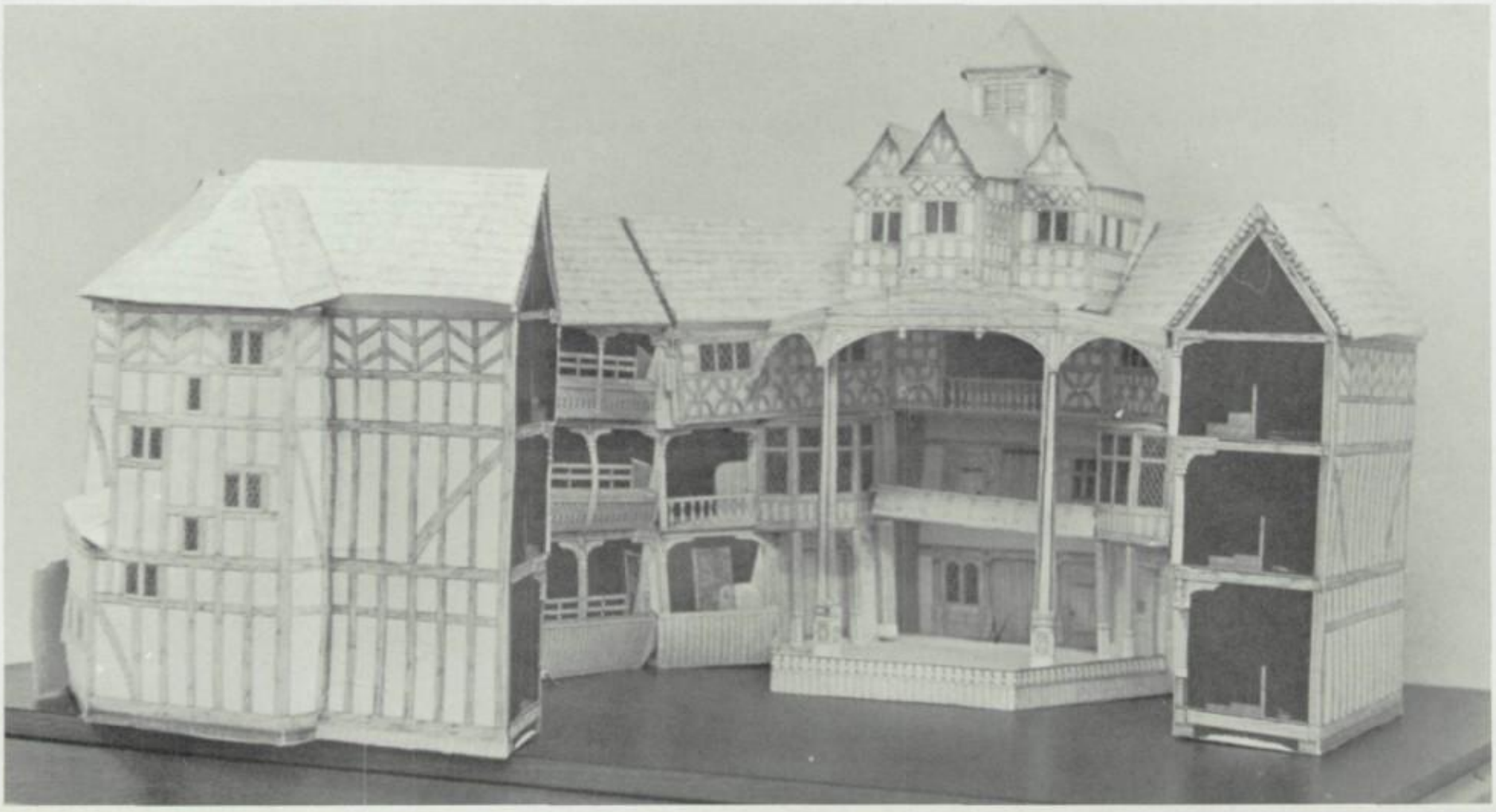
Discussing departmental affairs, Mrs. Brent, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Burnside and Mrs. Madsen participate in a meeting.

Checking for proper organization, Mrs. Webb goes over Toby Green's outline.

Digging up research material for an Advanced Composition project, Carl Heidel takes advantage of the U. of A. library.

Madly marking on the board, Frausie Van Enkevort demonstrates the finer points of conjugation.

A model of a Shakespearian Globe Theater graces the library and reminds students of the Elizabethan Era.



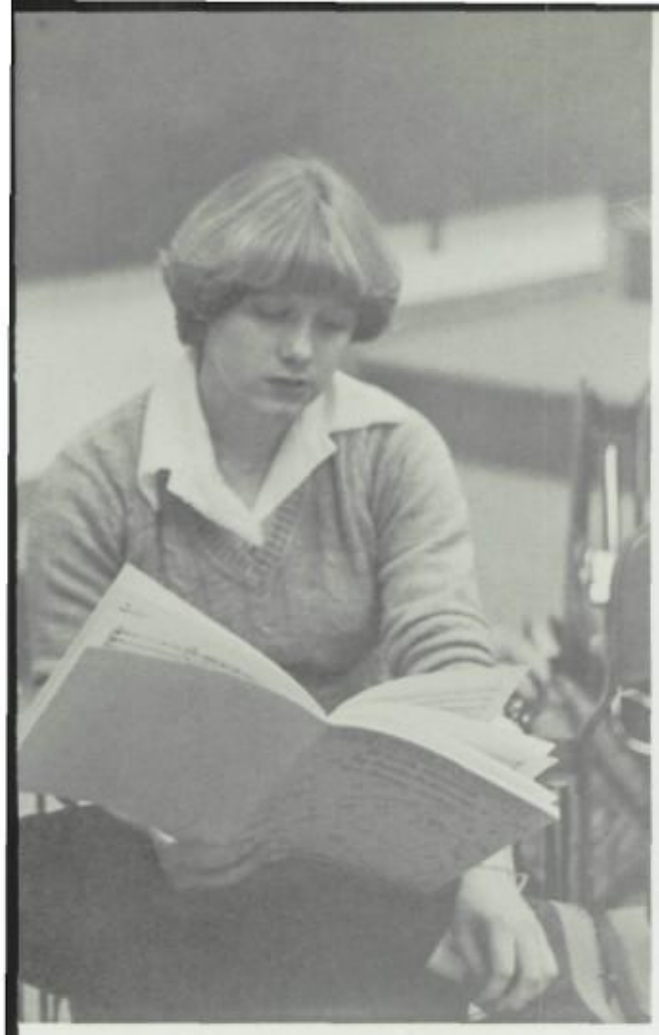
VITAL TO A WELL ROUNDED CURRICULUM, THE MUSIC AND FINE ARTS DEPARTMENTS PROVIDED AN OUTLET FOR CREATIVITY

Studying new music, Laura Winford and Renee Dykema rehearse during choir.

Providing music to shop by, the orchestra stages a concert in the Bentley Mall.

Collaborating to perfect a piece are Dana Button and Jennifer Brice.

During intermission of the play "Harvey", Wayne Winkleman and Kim Barnard browse through the art show exhibits.



Fine arts and music are two essential aspects of a well balanced cultural background and are greatly emphasized at West Valley through our fine, fine arts and music departments.

West's extensive fine arts program, expertly guided by Lois Hughes, Department Head, gives students the opportunity to artistically express themselves in such areas as drawing, painting, graphics, sculpture and pottery. In addition, advanced art classes instruct students in the history of art and famous artists as well as in advanced artistic concepts. Among the advanced classes, Special Topics is a preparatory course designed for the aspiring, college-bound art student. The class allows each student to prepare a portfolio; a collection of artwork required by most art schools and colleges for admission.

Highlighting the department's first semester, was an art show sponsored by the advanced classes. Many West students participated in making the show a smashing success representative of West's extremely talented student body. The show was doubly successful since it served as an attention-getting side show during the intermissions for the drama production "Harvey".

With the wide variety of music classes available, a noteworthy number of West students became involved in varing degrees with the music scene. Specific classes range from Music History to Stage Band and depending upon the interest expressed and the courses chosen, the musically inclined student can learn about the history of music, the great composers or how to play an instrument for the first time.

In addition to the in-class work to be accomplished, most of the music classes, especially the performing classes like Concert Band, require a great deal of dedication on the part of the student. there is practicing to be done, concerts to be played, and community service projects to be carried out. Prime examples of these extra work efforts exhibited by West's music students include the canned food drive for the Salvation Army for which the Band supplied seventy-three frozen turkeys, and the Spring Music Festival attended by West Valley and other Regional high schools.

Whether you like to pull some strings, brush up on art or toot your horn, West Valley has got two departments that are unconditionally guaranteed to enrich your culture!

Concentrating on getting a pure sound, Richard Button and Al Robinson keep rhythm for the stage band.

Entertaining pancake feed-ees, the choir harmonizes for some Christmas carols.

ON THE MOVE

NOTHING KEPT JUNIORS FROM "DOING THEIR THING" AS THEY STROVE TOWARD SENIORHOOD

Procuring prom tickets from Linda Streit and Laurie Duncan insured an evening of ecstasy.

Turning classrooms and people upside down with his rowdiness is Jack Dunshie.

Cherished moments and memories of the Junior Prom are some of the treasures that will never slip away.

Football players Kib Cannon and Terry Nance energize with munchies from the Keyhole.

Junior Nancy Schikora and Sophomore Kathy Gibson discuss strategy and tactics for debate.

Fortifying finances by working at the carwash was a soapy bucketful of fun on a sunny summer day.

Masquerading as a mafia member on Halloween, Ted Thomas proposes an "offer you canna' refuse."

An energetic Junior class embarked upon the 1979 school year brimming with fund-raising ideas designed to finance their Junior Prom. Under the dedicated leadership of Class President Marcie Hassebroek and guided by the wisdom of advisers Kathy Webb and Madge Clark, the Juniors formulated such enterprising money-makers as a summer carwash, an M&M's candy sale and a Christmas dance.

One of the Junior's less original, but more financially productive fundraisers involved the sale of M&M's. Enterprising Juniors forced their way through crowded halls with a load of books under one arm and a case of M&M's under the other. There was method to their madness, however, as they raked in $225.00 in profit from the sale.

Before school began in the fall of this year, the would-be Juniors capitalized on the hot, dusty days of summer and organized a carwash to rid Fairbanks area cars of dirt and grime. Suds and spray flew as nearly 20 Juniors cleaned up on Fairbanks' dirty cars (and each other) as an occasional bucket of water "accidentally" missed a soapy car only to splash a hapless but dedicated Junior class member.

Shortly before Christmas vacation, the Junior class sponsored a dance with "Here Comes Santa Claus in a Winter Wonderland" as the theme. Leonard Dykes served as the official Santa Claus and was aided by elected Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Paul Brown and Katie Neidhold.)

The money earned in various fundraisers throughout the year went to finance the grandest Junior class undertaking of them all: the Junior Prom. The Prom was a super-success as the sounds of "Fairbanks" band reverberated throughout the Fort Wainwright Officers Club. Apropos of the occasion was the theme "These are the Best Times."

As West's Juniors wound up a full and productive year, they came to the bitter-sweet realization that they could look forward to one last year at West Valley and could only hope that it would prove to be their best ever.

JUNIORS MADE IT THROUGH '79 WITH EASE

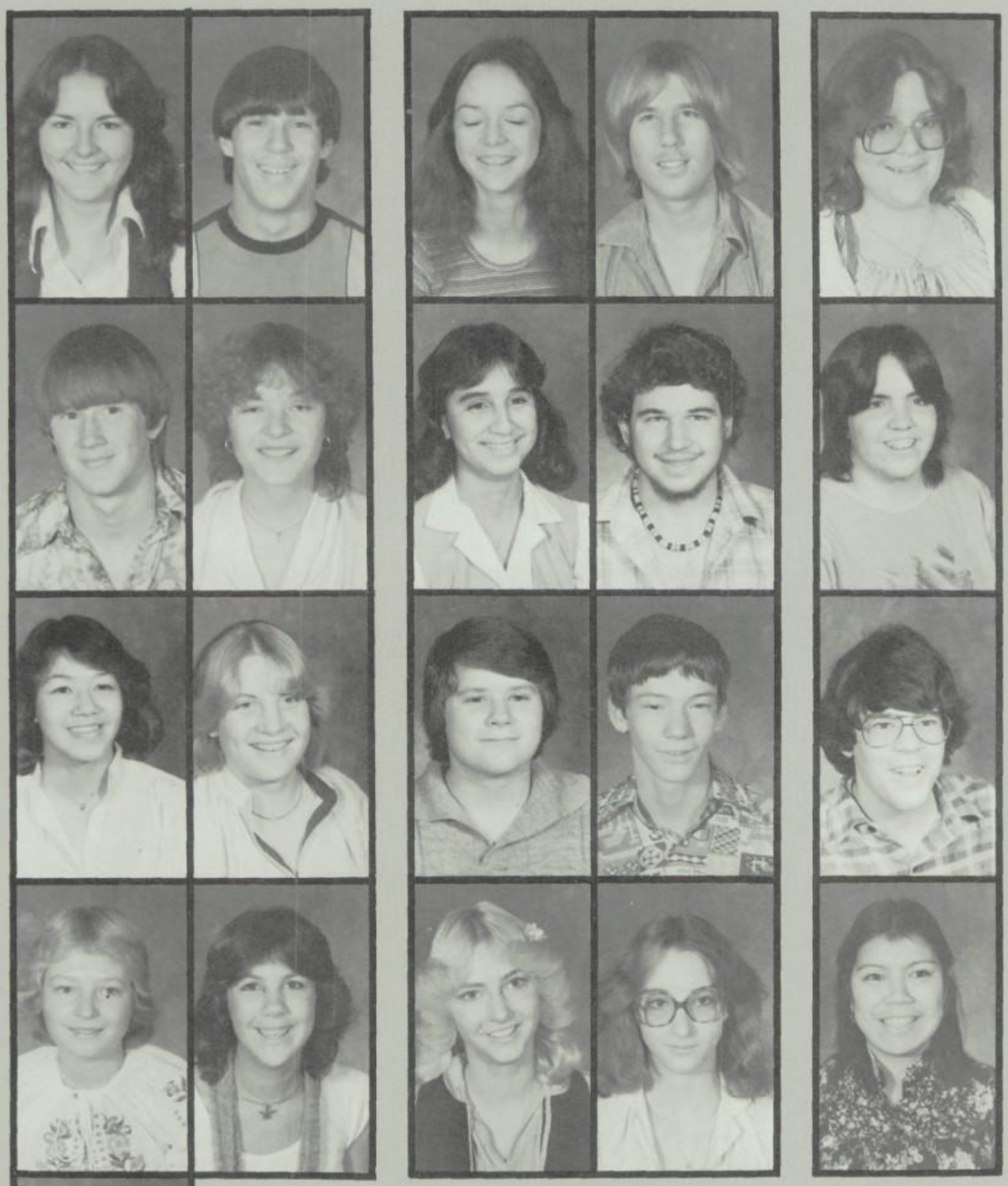
Susan Aasland
Mark Anderson
Robin Armitage

Smiling with content, football player Ted Thomas prepares to munch down on the dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Paula Barclay
Kim Barnard
Don Bassett
Kehaulani Belfield
Paul Berry

Alan Best
Leslie Belvins
Dawn Borjesson
Scott Bowell
Carol Brees

Paul Brown
Wade Brown
Shelly Brunaugh
Brenda Buggey
Jeannine Burnett



Darla Burton
Mike Burud
Jenny Camp
Stuart Campbell
Doris Candage

Kib Cannon
Randi Carnahan
Diana Cash
Chuck Casper
Shannon Church

Cris Coleman
Stephanie Compeau
Harold Cook
Gilbert Cowell
Bill Cox

Michelle Crisman
Suzanne Crockett
Denise Cyr
Debbie Davis
Ida Davison

David Degen

Questioning the statement on the board, Bill Holman is at the moment lost for words.

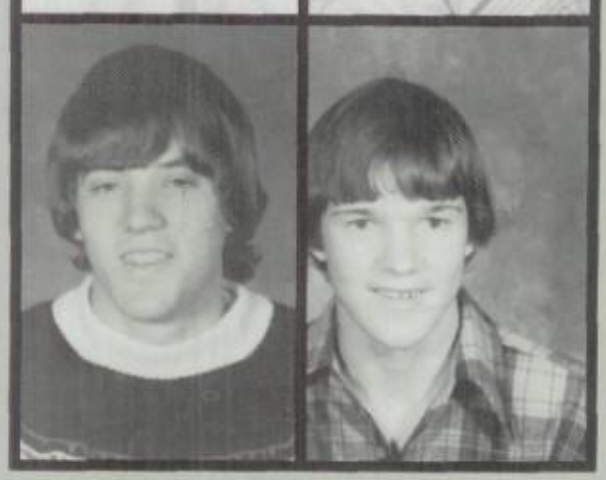
Decking the halls with trinsel, Junior Jan Thomson contributes to the Christmas spirit.

Inge Deehr

John Dempsey
Terry DeVries
Hiedi D'Innocent
Nathan Dobberpuhl
Roberta Doner

Laurie Dunkin
Jack Dunshie
Steve Duron
Sherry Easterling
Vanessa Edgar

Ken Elbert
Brent England
Annette Fickus
Tom Fischer
Mark Fitzgerald



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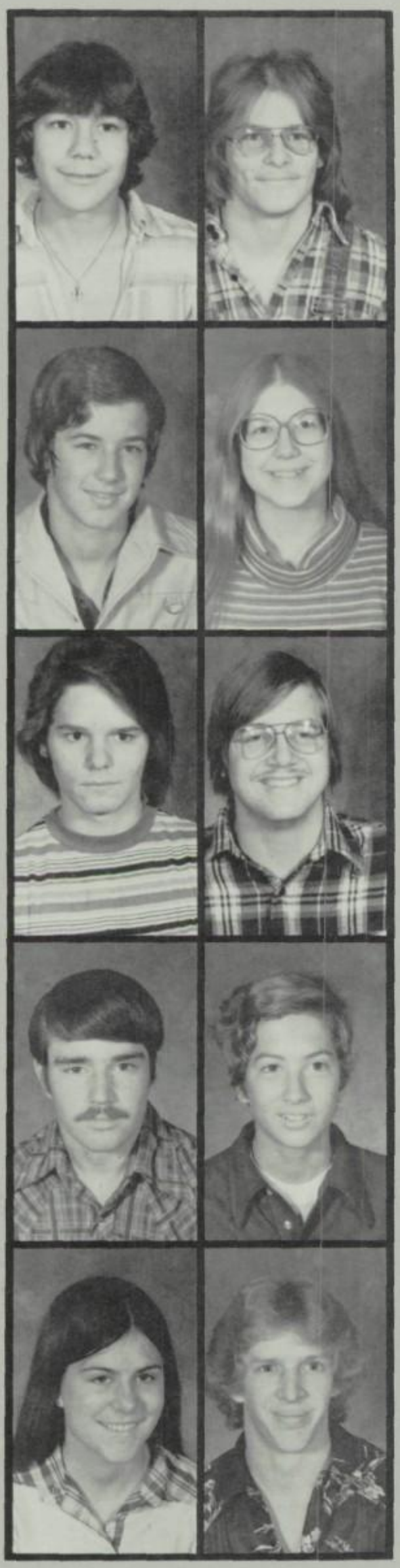
Randi Freeman
Curtis Froese
Sam Freese
Brenda Fulmer



Jim Gaiser
Todd Gardner
Lance Gettle

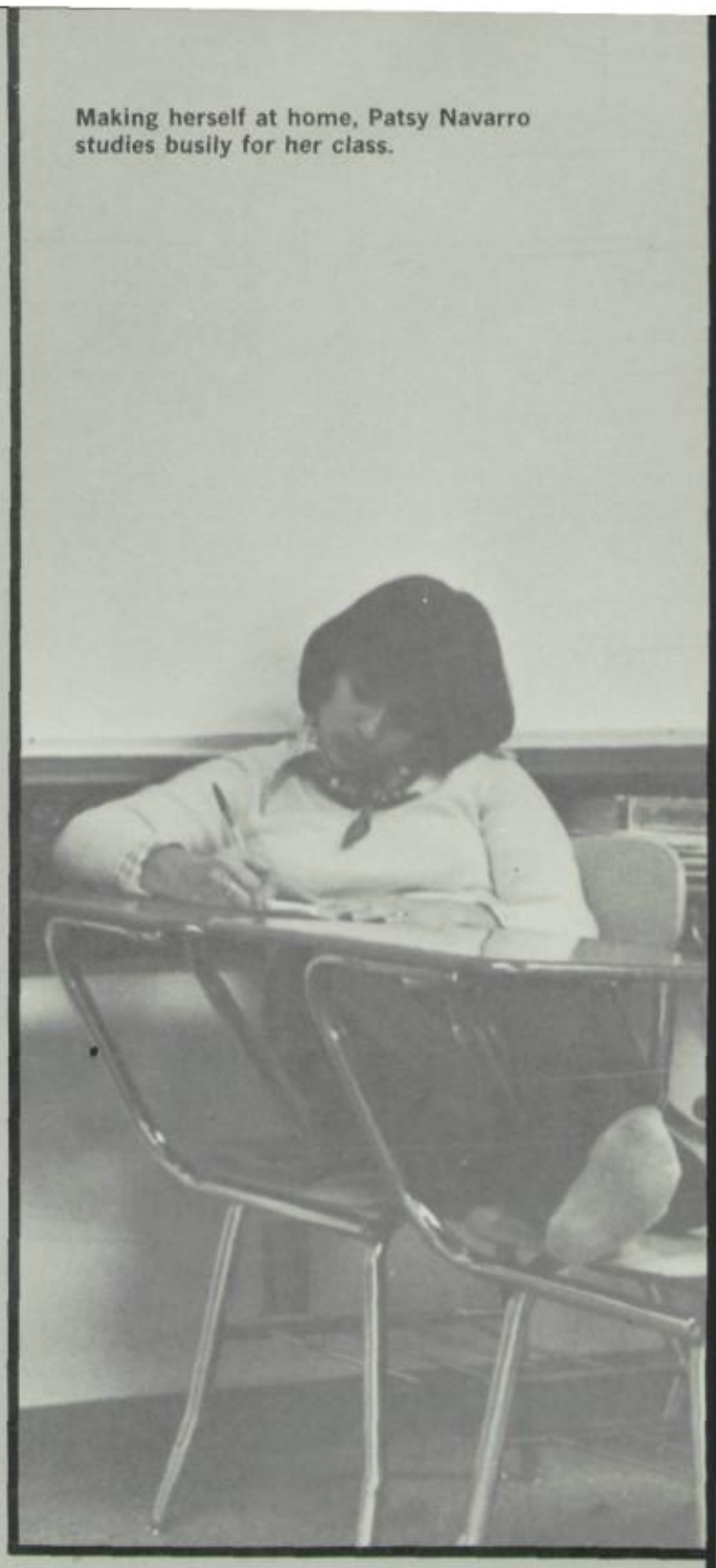
Coby Gibson
Jennifer Gibson
Kathie Gish

Craig Golson
Mark Gosink
Carol Greiner

Mark Hale
Keith Hanneman
Danny Hanns

Lora Harbo
Dean Hardenbrook
Marcie Hassebroek

Making herself at home, Patsy Navarro studies busily for her class.

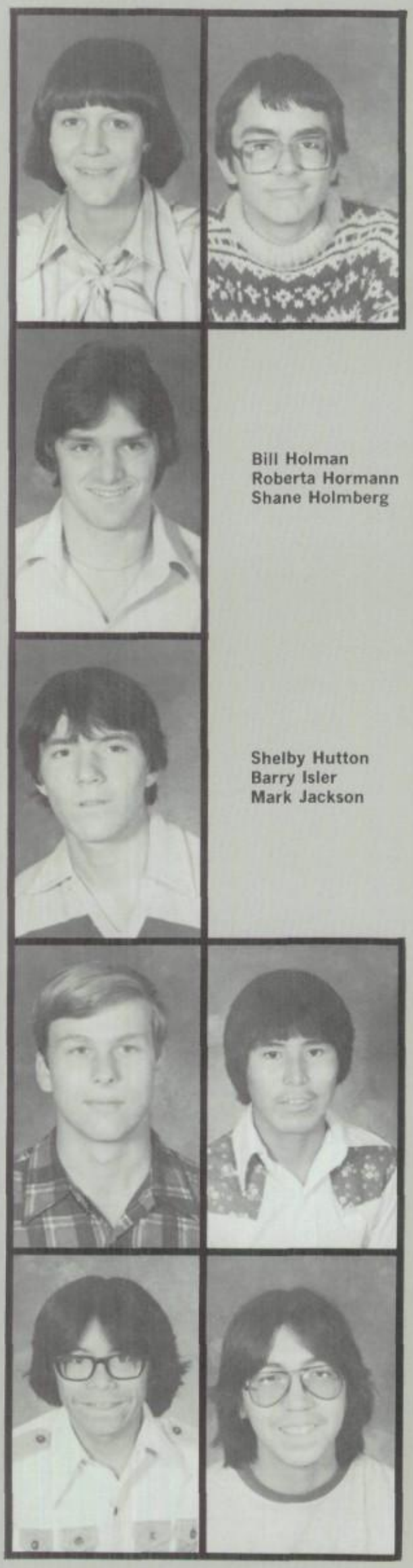


Joan Hauge

Denise Hayward

JUNIORS CONTRIBUTED TO WEST

THE DECISIONS HAD BEGUN



Carl Heidel
Todd Hill
Karen Hilliard
Uwe Hollerbach
Robert Holden

Bill Holman
Roberta Hormann
Shane Holmberg

Shelby Hutton
Barry Isler
Mark Jackson

Preparing to order their class rings, a few Juniors crowd around the select-a-side chart.

Jim Johnson
Joel Johnson
Matt Johnson
Emil Jones
Susan Jones

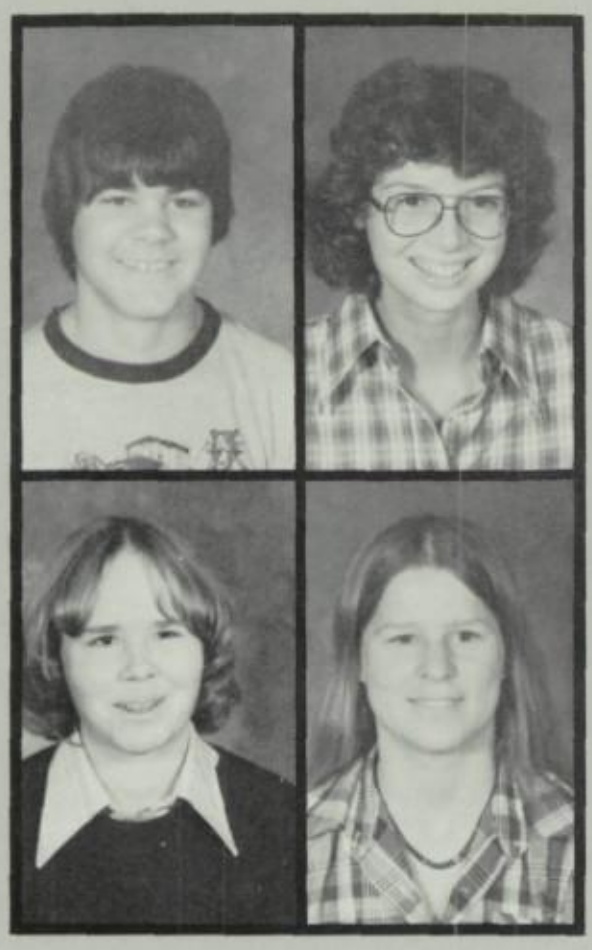
Ken Jordan
Dan Kelly
Lyman Ketcham
Gerald Keyes
Brett King

Larry King
Donna Kious
Jim Klaich
Mark Klimaschesky
Ken Knox

Gwyn Kroshus
Pam Lambert
Pam Lawson

Gary Lee
Deann Lincoln
Charles Line

Jim Livingston
Susan Long
Tim Madaris



Karen Madson
Cheryl Martin
Darlene Matthew

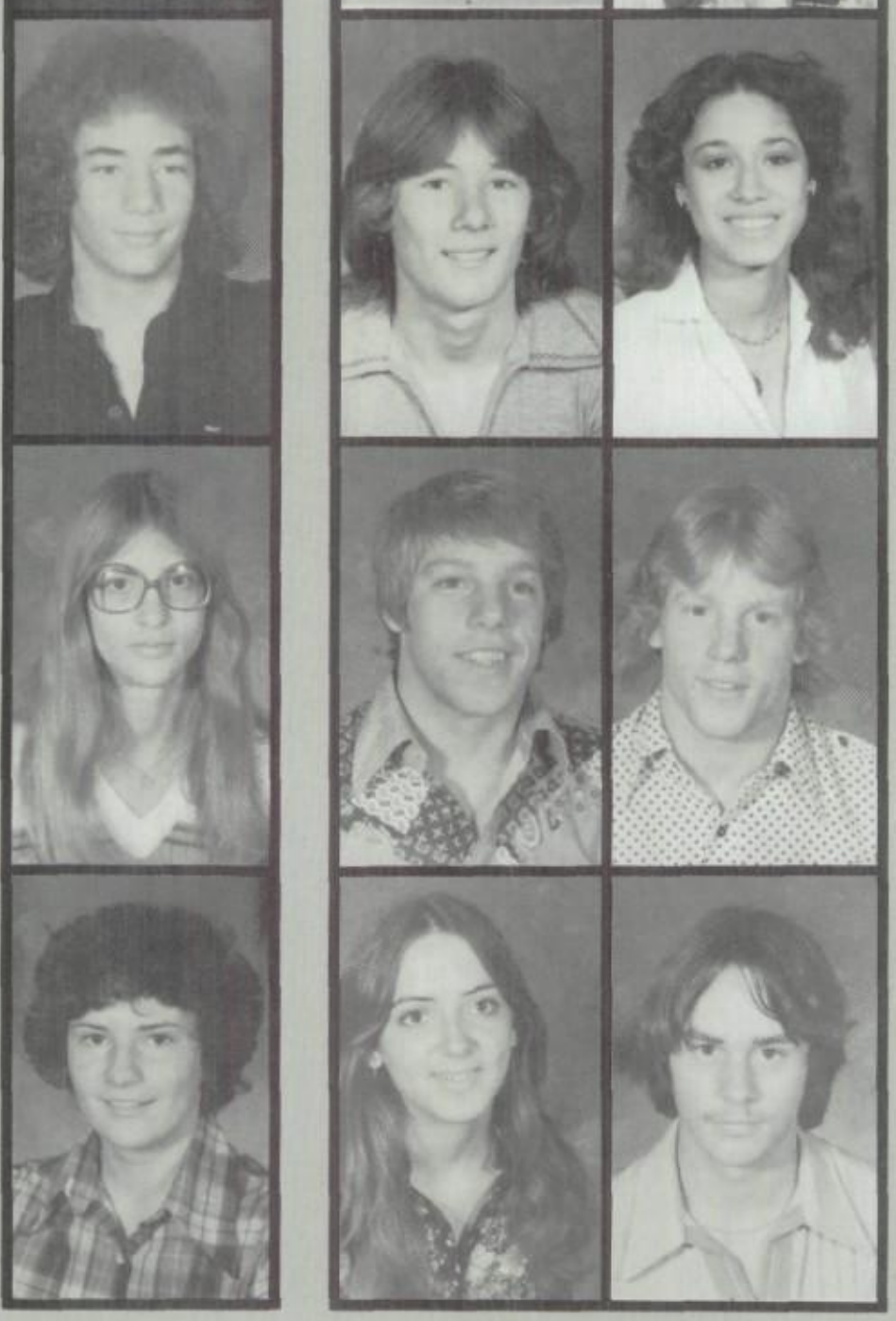
All bundled comfortably in the corner and purring with content, Linda "Cat" Streit cuts photos for yearbook class.

JUNIORS PROFITED BY WORKING AND LEARNING

Pete Mayo
Karen McDonald
Deborah Mikesell

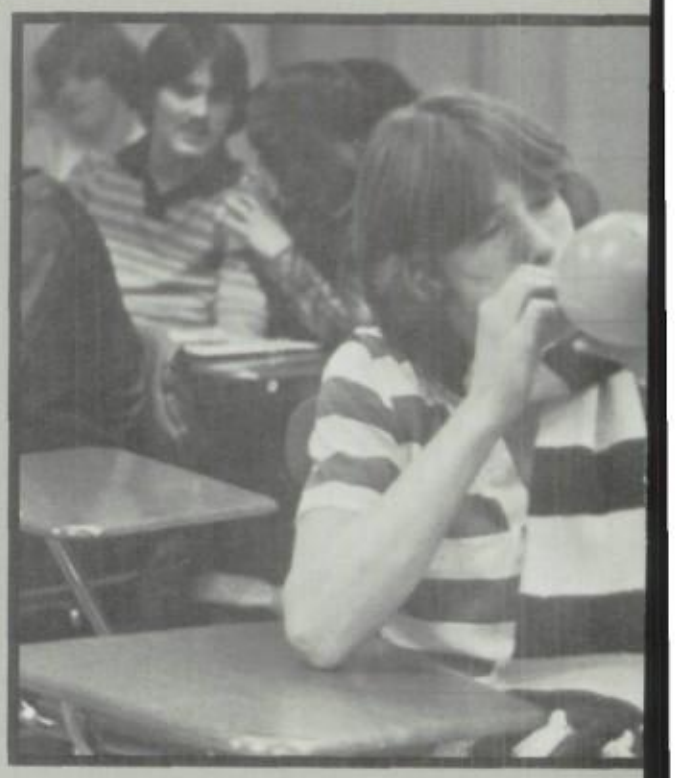
Paul Milan
Carmel Minogue
Glenn Moehlin

Kent Moneymaker
Steve Moore
Jeanie Morkal
Callen Morton
Billy Murphree



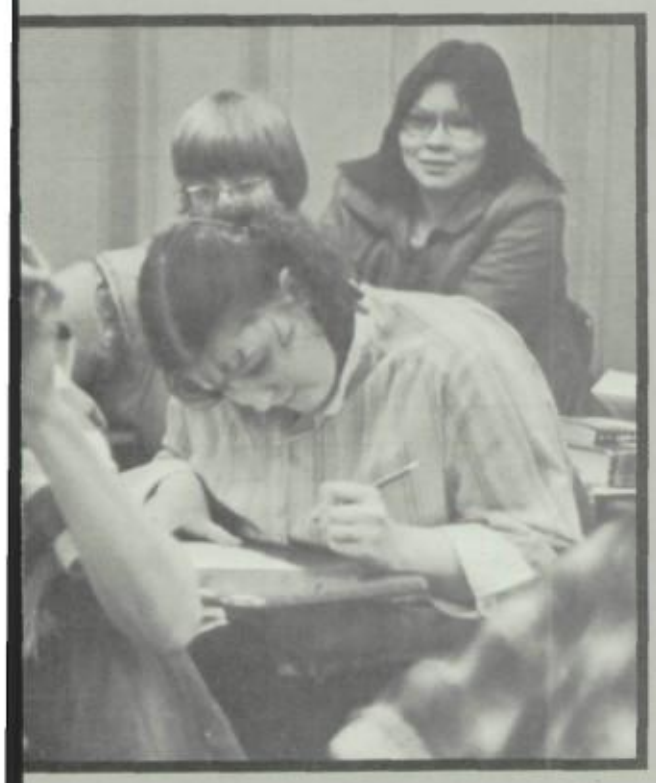
Diane Mustard
Gary Nance
Terry Nance
Patsy Navarro
Donna Neidhold

Francoise Nunley
Lesa O'Brien
John Olson
Debby Owen
Grae Padgitt-Osborn



Full of hot air, Steve Moore clowns around during speech class.

IN UNION



James Palembas
Tom Palmer
Scott Paschall

John Pennebaker
Lynn Perkowski
Joy Phillips

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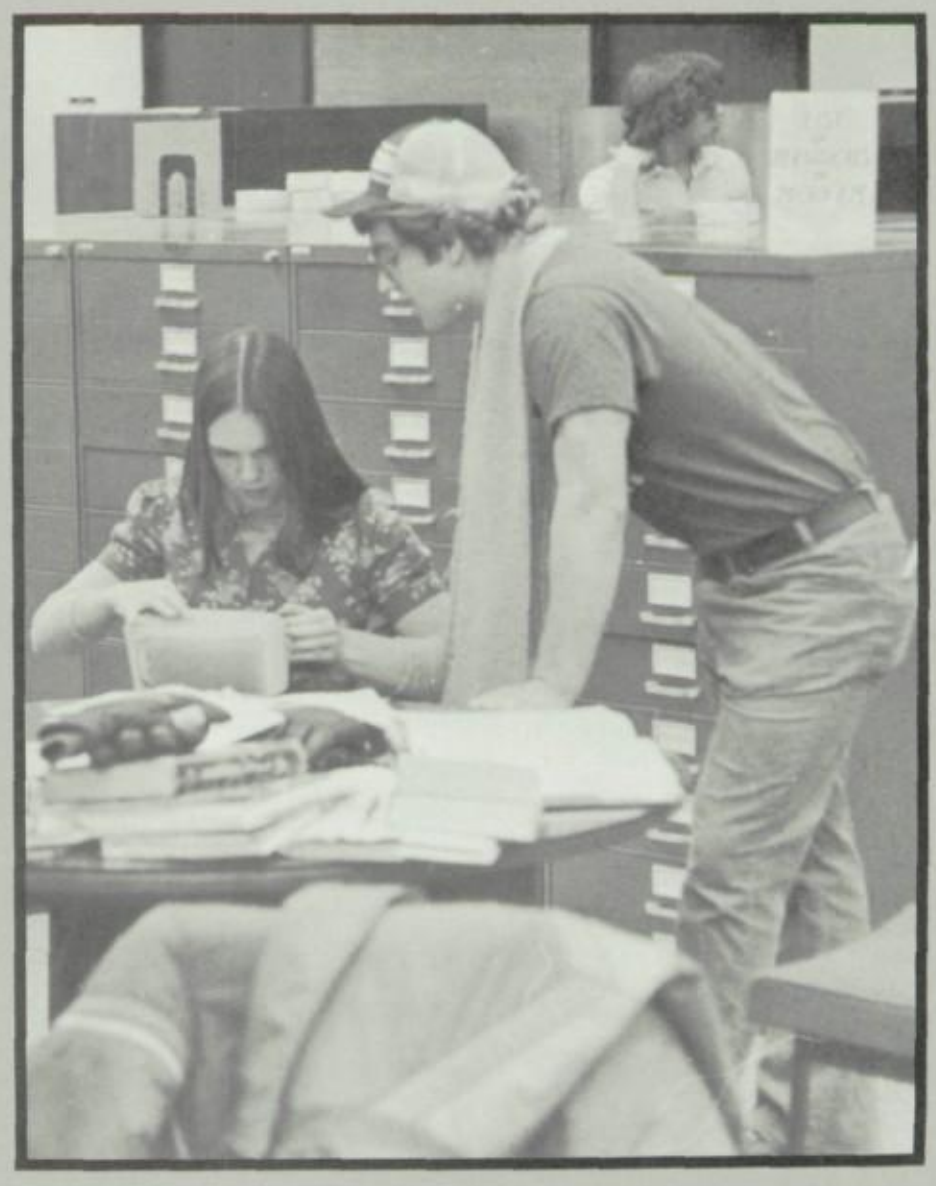
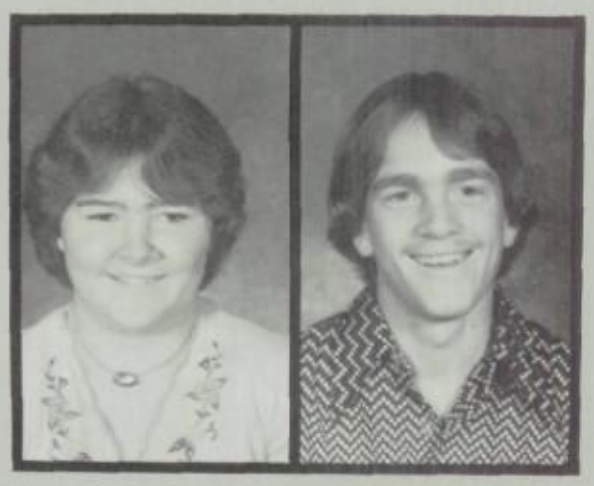
Cameron Pollock

Jean Polmateer
Todd Posthumus

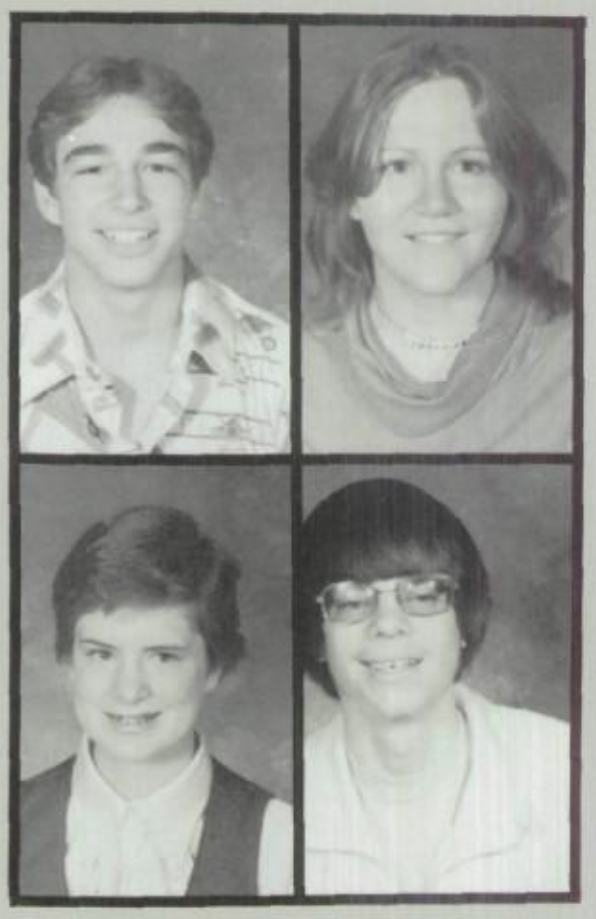


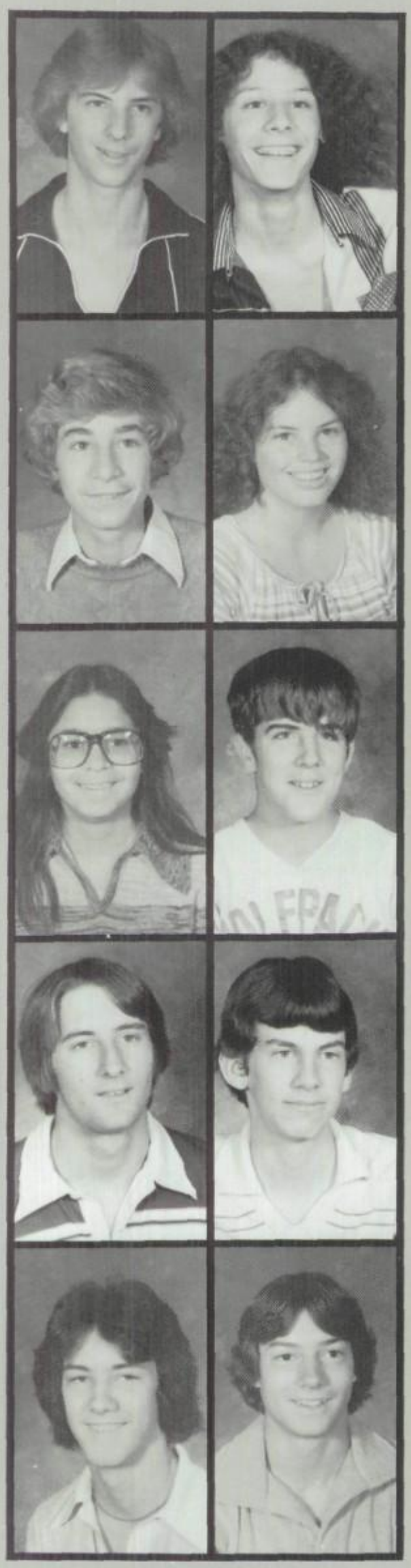
Discussing their term papers, Paul Brown and Linda Winters take advantage of the U of A library.

ASPIRING JUNIORS . . .



aking her demands at the crowded
e is customer Jeannine Burnett.





Shannon Pruitt
Ken Pursey
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Eric Resch
Blair Reynolds

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Margaret Roderigues
Merry Rose

Christine Roybal
Joe Sackinger
Jenny Sandstrom

Harry Schikora
Nancy Schikora
Dave Schram
Mark Schroeder
Pauline Secrest

Barbara Setzer
Cliff Sharpe
Joseph Shaw
Bradley Shira
Glenn Siebert

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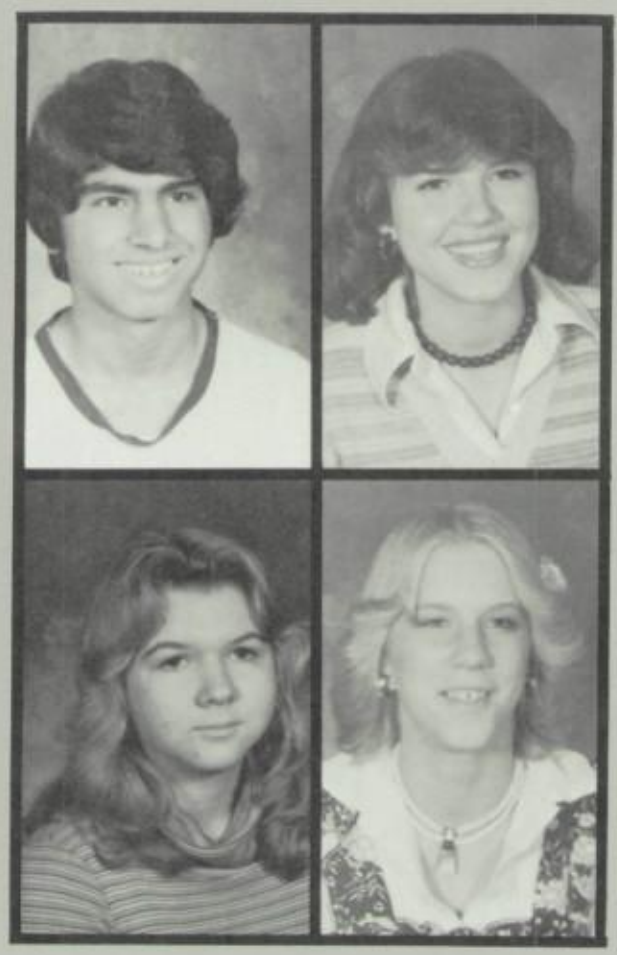

Michelle Siler
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Barbara Cavett
David Smith

Jeanette Smith
Lorri Smith
Kelly Snyder
Ronda Sorden
Bill Soderstrom

Ann Strozewski
Debra Summerville

Tom Swisher
Scott Teal

Becky Tegoseak
Ted Thomas

Getting in high Christmas spirits, Randi Freeman and Laura Winford decorate the school Christmas tree.

Tirzah Thomas
Brenda Thompson
Callie Thompson
Janel Thomson
Jackie Thornhill

David Thurman
Kent Tilman
Ken Tisdale

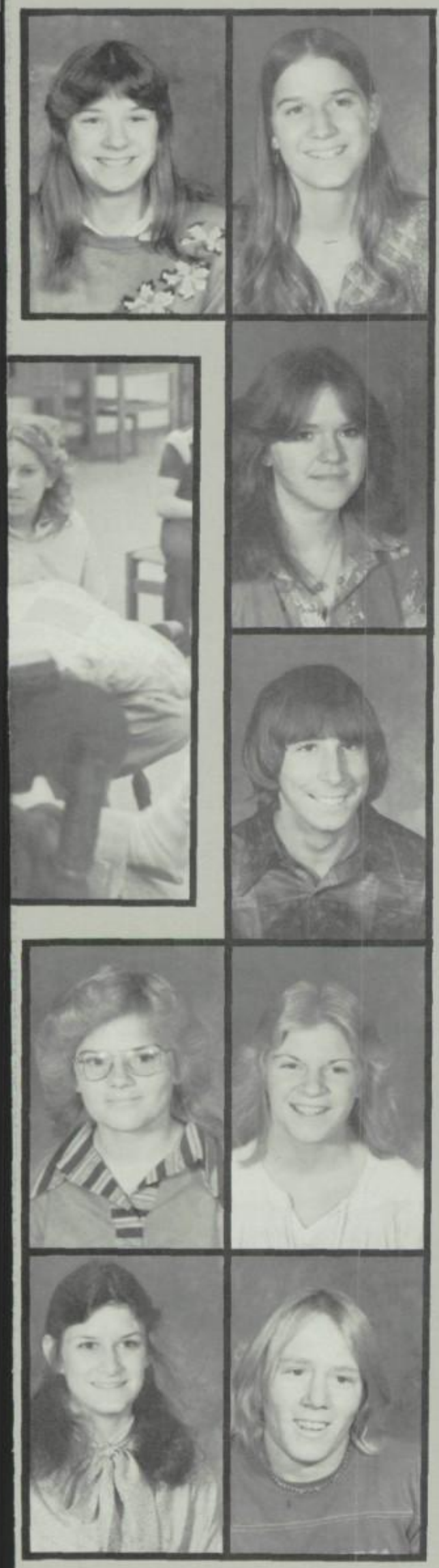
Dan Titus
Liz Tonkins
Richard Tremarello

Rocking the night away, Mat-maid Marcie Hassebroek expressively stretches out weary muscles.

Janice Trumbull
Lia Turner

Brent Undereiner
Troy Valentine

Listening with utmost intentness, Paul Brown is captivated by Michelle Siler's descriptive conversation.



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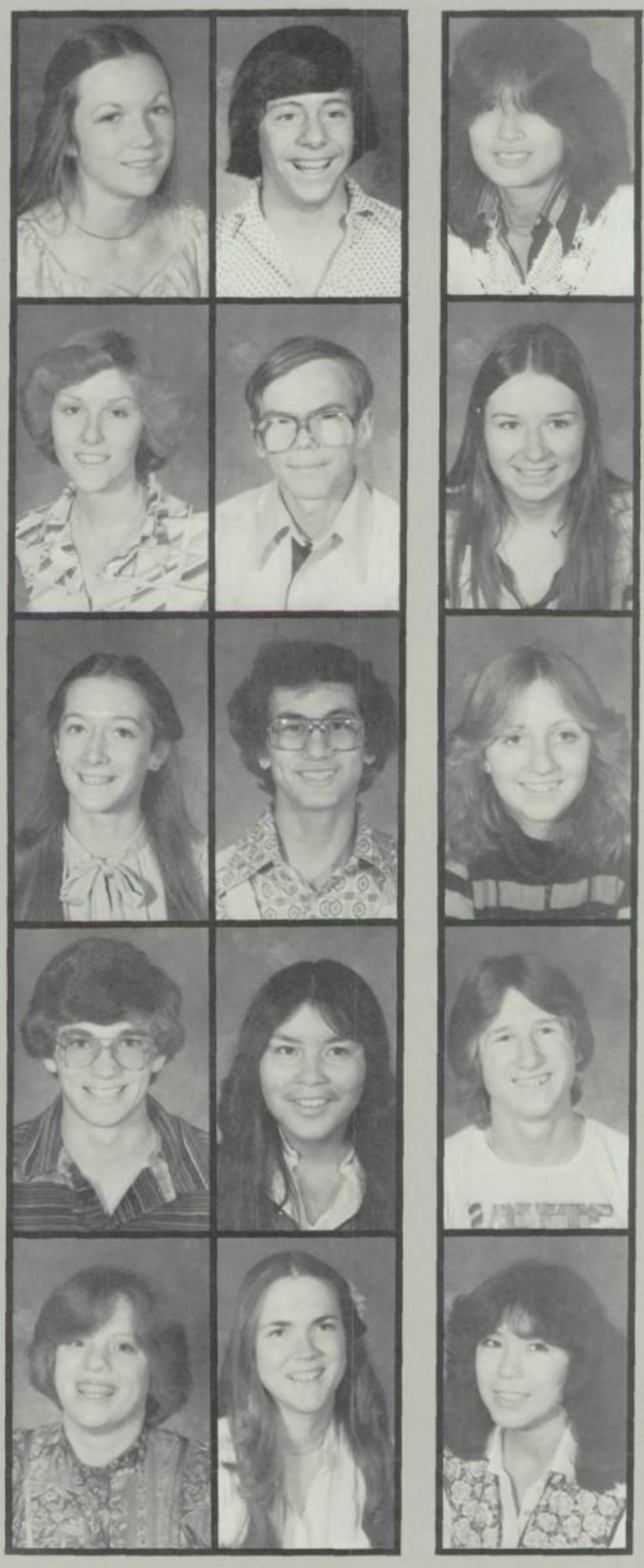

Robert Weeden
Janet Welty
Brian Wescott
Cindy West

Judy Wheat
Heidi White
Ian White
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Joseph Williams

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Dar Willis
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Poster person Jan Thomson works diligently making decorations for the Junior Class.

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Like a creature from the deep, fishman Fred Randolph slithers through West's halls during Halloween.

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PERENNIAL PEOPLE

Sociable students bask in the bright ultraviolets.

"Ah, to be in Fairbanks now that spring is here!" The harsh weather of winter eased with March, and by April fantasies of summer surfaced. Wearied winter warriors found hope in signs of the new season.

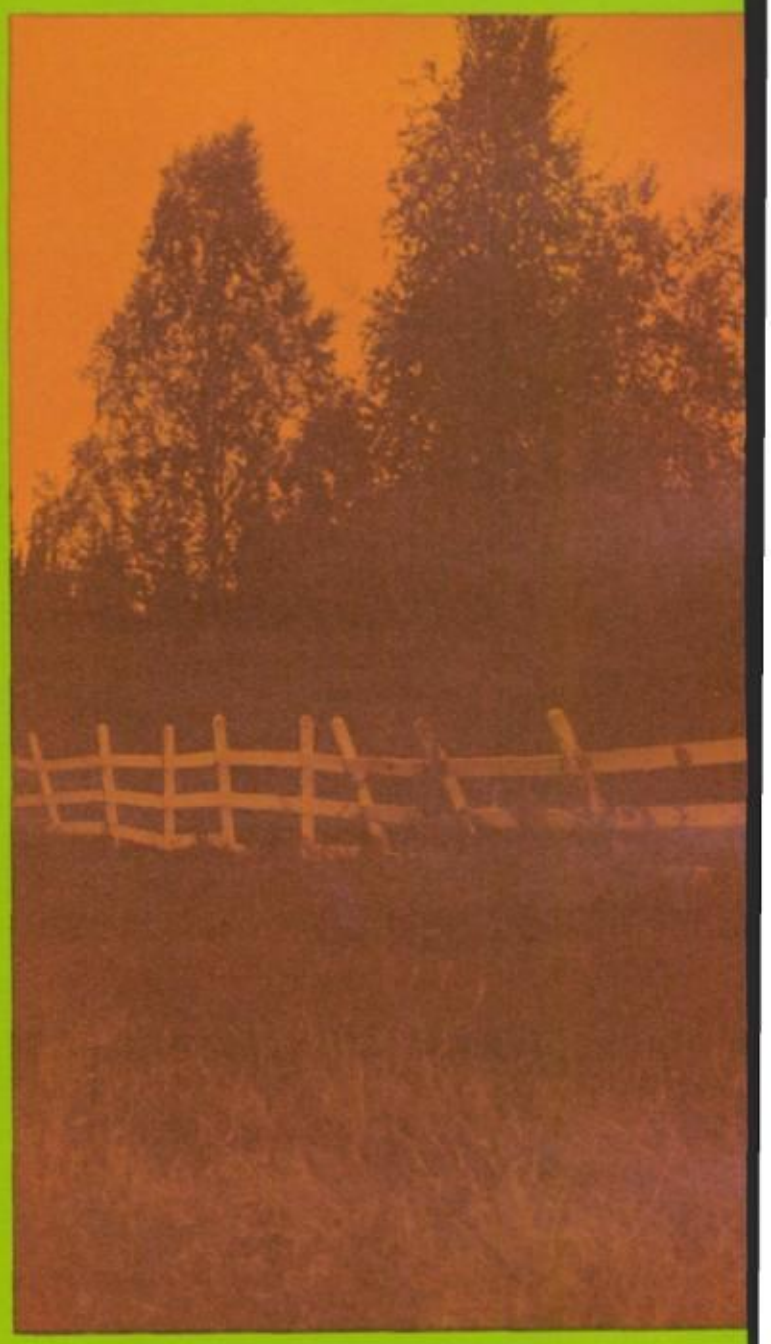
Lenghtening days were the first tangible evidence of approaching spring. Hours of sunshine per day increased until one could go to school and return in light. Drivers faced brilliant glare on clear, snowy days. Temperatures increased invitingly, and parkas were exchanged for lighter jackets.

Warmer days brought drippy icicles, shrinking snowbanks, slippery slush, deep puddles, and eventually the first glimpse of a bare sidewalk. The muddy interim between snowfields and greenery left many a tennis shoe sopping wet, but after months of glacial existence break-up was welcome.

Seasonal dampness and filtered sunshine create an overcast mood.

Trees on West grounds are pierced by focal rays of glorious spring sunshine.

Ducks, puddles, and leaves are delightful indications that the snow has receded and the vernal season has arrived.



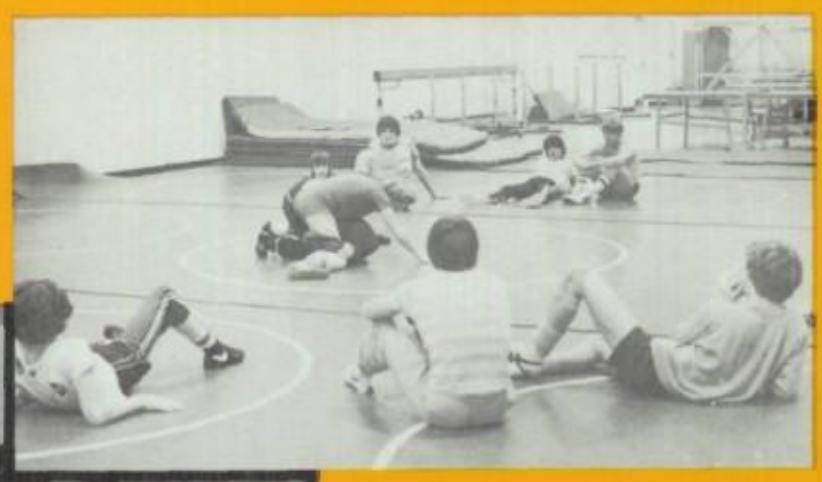
The mighty Wolfpack salutes school spirit during a rally.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT . . .

Mr. DeLeon advises a phys ed student in shooting technique.

The chest of Cameron Pollock brazenly explains Kelly Kipp's paranoid expression.

EXHILARATED PEOPLE



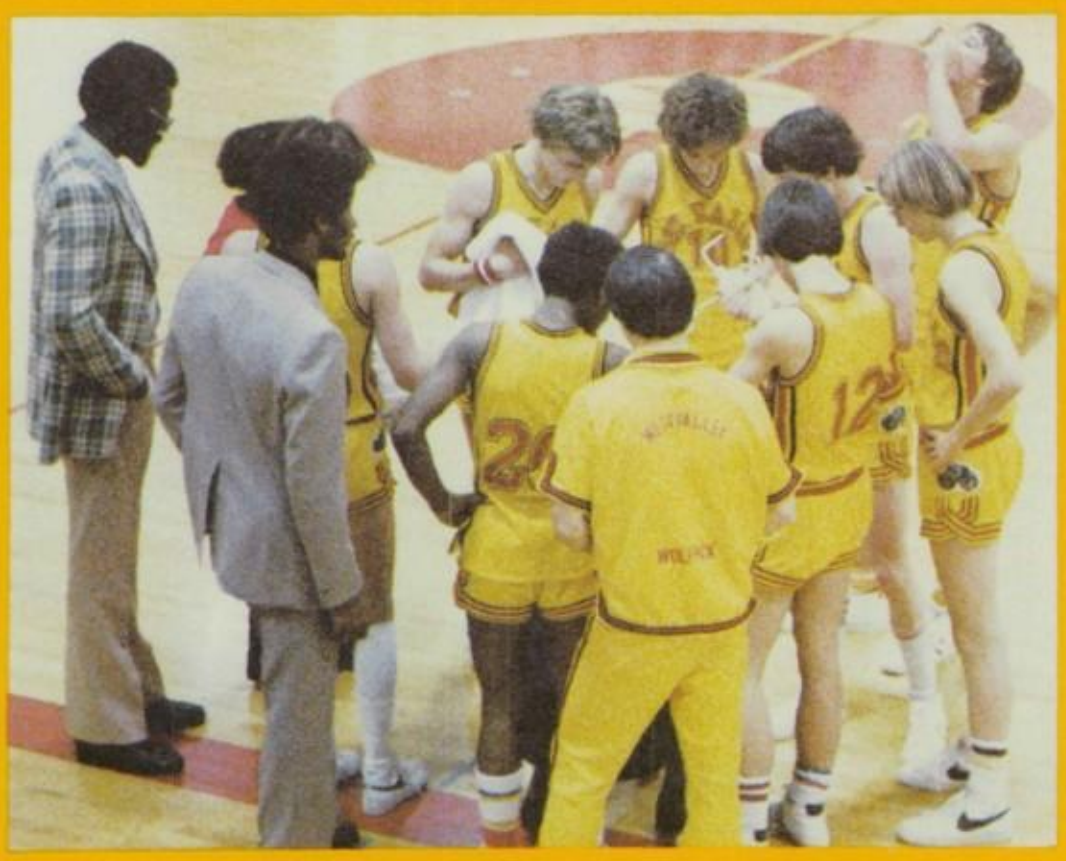
Challenge matches sap energy from lightweight wrestlers.

Engaged in vigorous warm-ups, mat men limber for the onslaught of match competition.

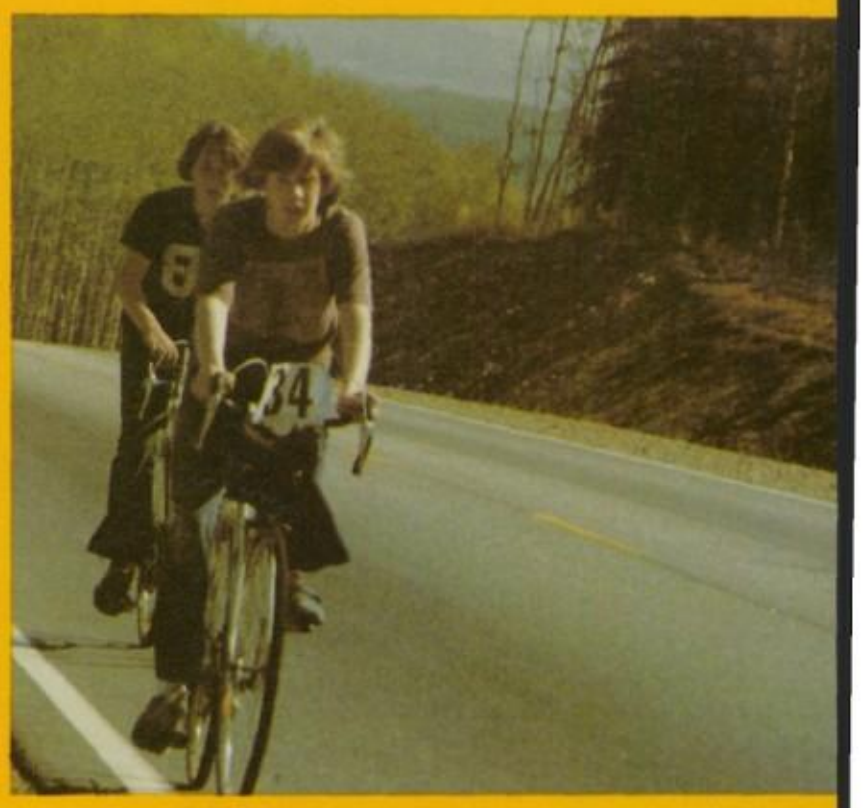
A sprig of daisies cheers the scene.

An ungainly slip often is unavoidable on warm days.

Spring sunshine energized the West student body. Universal celebration of the fresh season generated camaraderie and cheer. Returning from the four-day weekend in early March, one could sense the uplifted mood in classes and social contacts. Projects and activities were attacked with new vigor, and a general conviviality permeated school life. Warmer temperatures and sunshine had an inexplicable effect on the psyche, and enthusiasm and joviality brightened the final months of school.



The brightly-uniformed Varsity team circles to plan strategy.

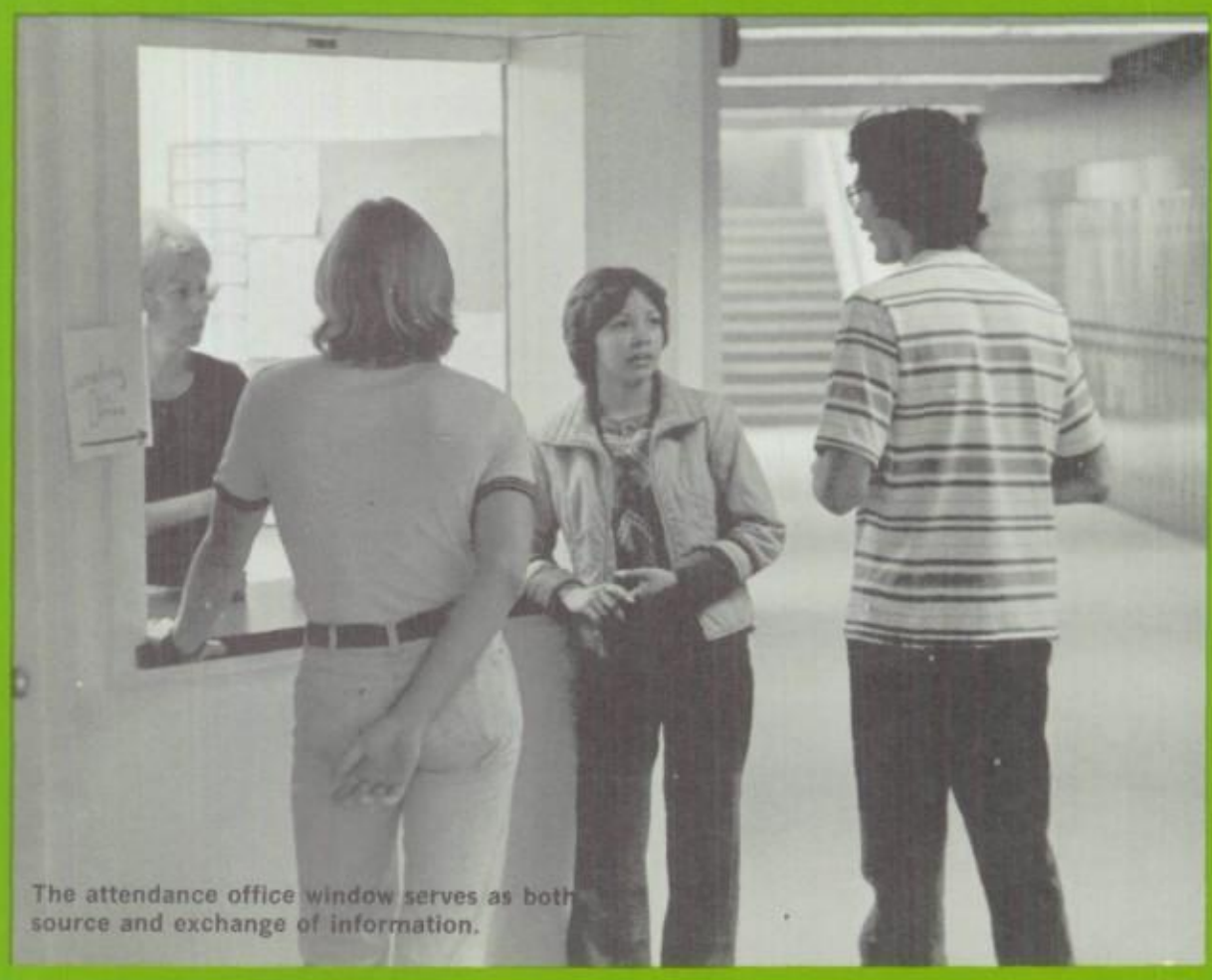


With spring come the sentiments expressed by the rock group Queen: "I want to ride my bicycle . . ."

REJUVENATED PEOPLE

A sunny hallway, peaceful while classes are in session, provides an excellent atmosphere for study and make-up work.

Spring air was refreshing to all, and West Valley inhabitants were encouraged by the approach of summer. Interest in academia suffered a decrease and virulent senioritis reached epidemic proportions, but overall school activity increased significantly. Spring moods included exhaustion after the dark months and anxiety about the end of school, but always predominant was a revived and uplifting attitude.



The attendance office window serves as both source and exchange of information.

Artist-at-large Shannon West displays her gargantuan yearbook poster.

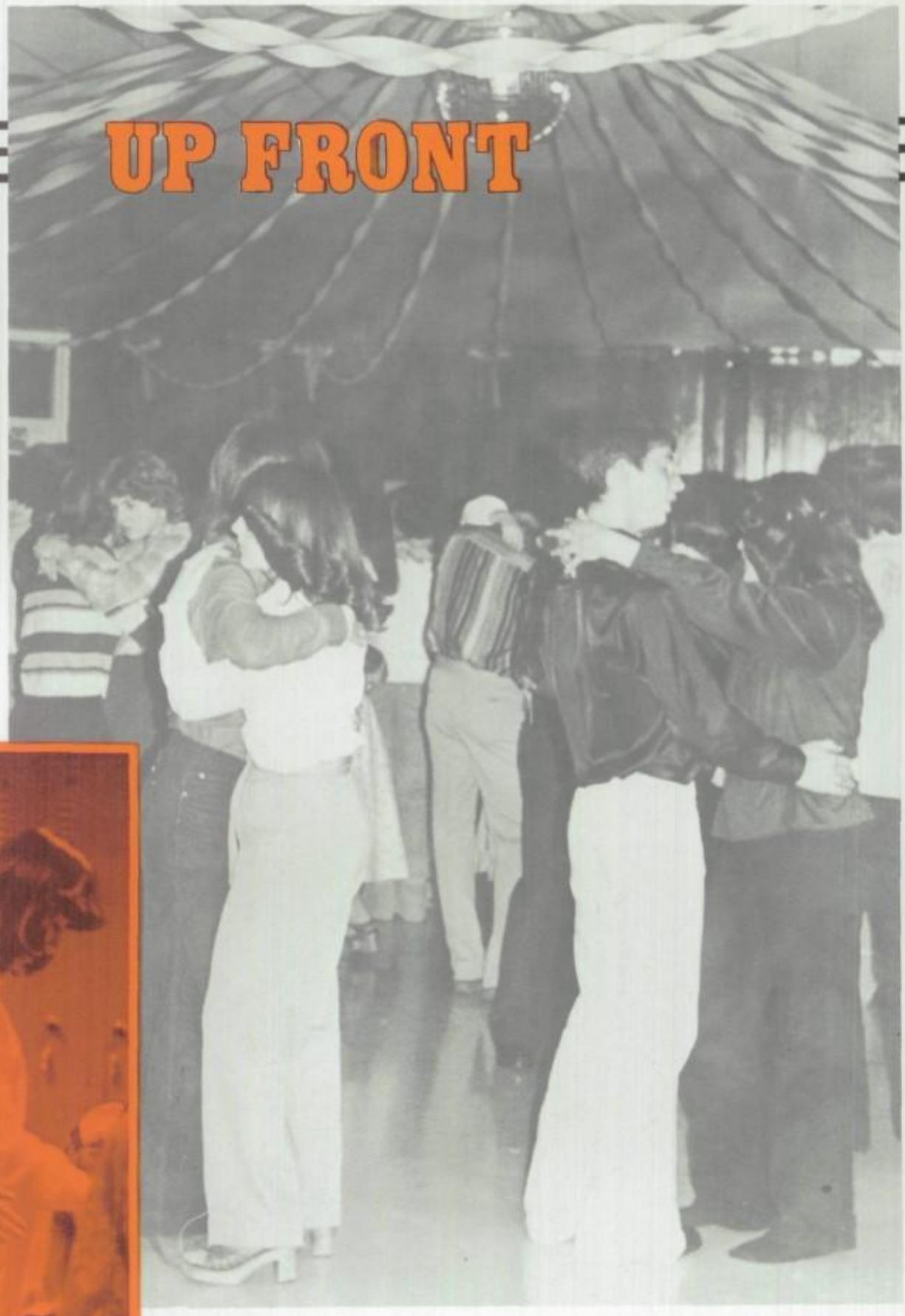
While not a chemical principle, "maintenance of mental effort" was vital during chemistry lectures.

Lunch hour conversationalists relish their half hour respite and mid-day nourishment.

Puzzler Marty Rawlins enjoys the pieceful challenge of the library jigsaw.

UP FRONT

Animated dancers execute impromptu maneuvers to seismic sounds.



A soothing melody occasions pacific waves of motion as couples pirouette beneath the mirrored ball.

The summery clothes of Kim Barnard contrast with her coat checking duties.

Romantic fancies may turn to thoughts of love during a tranquil slow dance.

MAGIC PERVADED THE NIGHTS (AND KNIGHTS) OF SPRING

Regal Juniors Donna Neidhold and Paul Milan wore the honorary crowns of Queen and King for the elegant night of the Junior Prom.

Knights-in-waiting Eric Krejci, Chuck Cole, and a Lathrop opponent attend as Darrel Wamhoff moves in on Karl Sackinger's royalty during a Chess Club joust.

Persuading a cottontail from a top hat, Mr. Lentine entrances Michelle McWhirter and Tony Sanchez.

The remarkable Mr. Checkers (John Lentine) displays a phenomenological slight-of-hand.

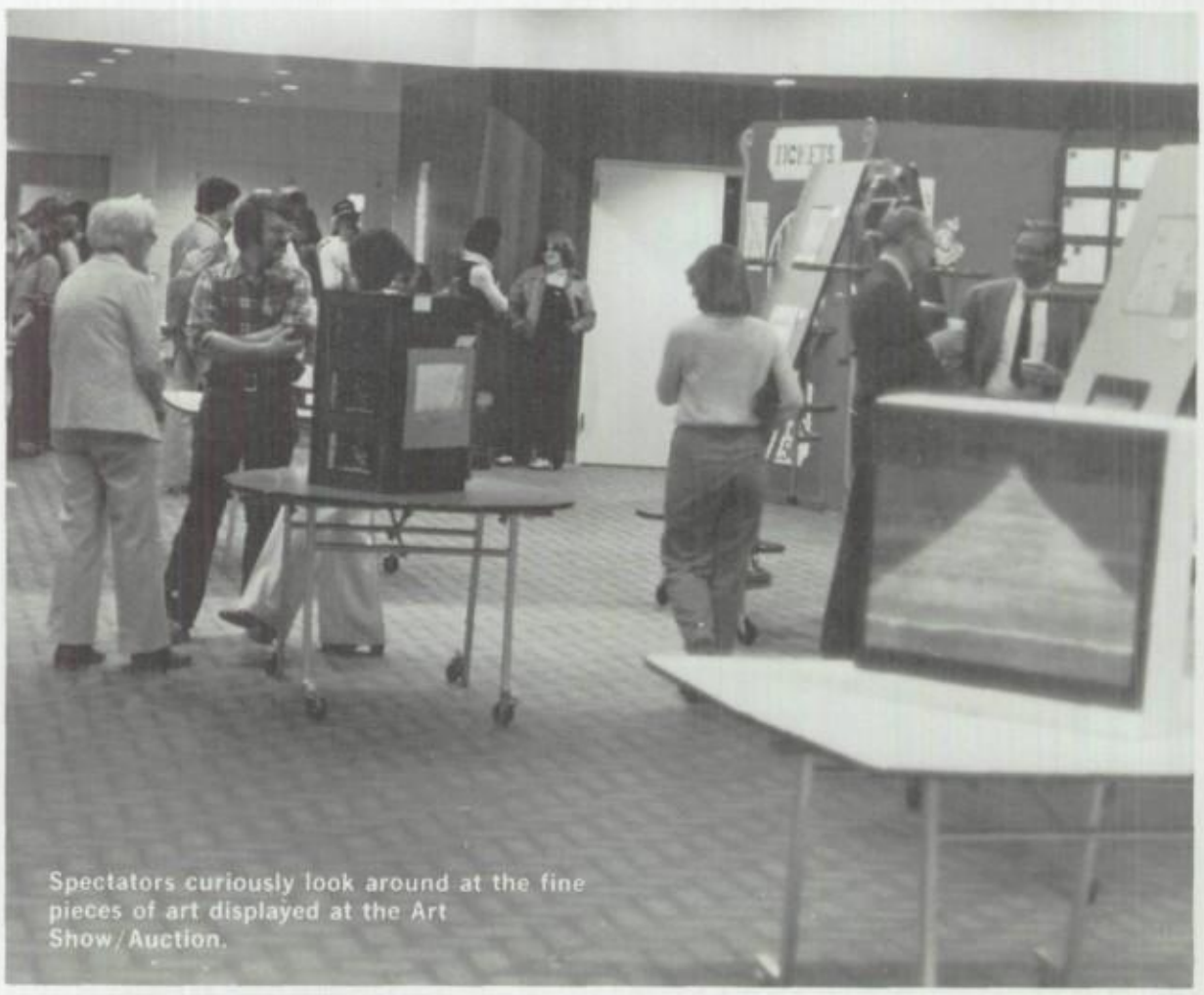
Magical action was always at a premium during meetings of the West Valley Magic Club, a new school organization. Necromancer John Lentine advised and instructed the group, and the sorcerer's apprentices were soon extracting bunnies from hats and hankies from sleeves.

A selection of underclassmen brushed up their moves with the West Valley Chess Club. Despite a late start to West's season, our board directors rooked victories from competitor Lathrop.

Mock Reverend Ken Tisdale reads the wedding vows and finally ties the knot for the two mock couples.

Mock newlyweds Chris Wallace, Rose Lowery, Randi Carnahan, and Brian Leschorn proudly pose for photographers before welcoming reception guests.

Rolling along hand in hand Randi Freeman and David Lambert enjoy the benefits of free rollerskating for West.



Spectators curiously look around at the fine pieces of art displayed at the Art Show/Auction.

A RAINBOW OF ACTIVITIES KEPT WEST VALLEY BUSY AS SPRING APPROACHED.

Enthusiastic Cheryl Wilhelm engages an unsure Brian Leschorn as the Justice O' the Peace Mike Wien gets them hitched in a fun and kneeslapping wedding ceremony at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Teachers Diadre House and Hiedi Hyser appear to be all wrapped up with the "Almost Anything Goes" competition.

The same warm, sunny days that brought us the promise of a golden summer, also transformed West Valley into a humming hub of spring activity. The Sadie Hawkins Dance, the Almost Anything Goes competition, the art show/auction, a mock wedding and the West free-skate night, set West's spring thing in full swing.

The Sophomore-sponsored Sadie Hawkins Dance was especially well received since it was the first real spring dance of the year and because the Sophomores barred nothing when they established the dance's hillbilly atmosphere. Feudin' hillbillies were thrown in the slammer to be closely guarded by the sheriff and his deputies. A photographer was on hand to take weddin' portraits of those who became "hitched".

The Almost Anything Goes competition represented the final test of class unity. The Seniors played as if they were fighting for the Holy Grail itself and upon winning the competition, finally wrested the coveted Spirit Cup from their closest competitors, the Freshmen. The final standings of the contest placed the Seniors in first, the Juniors second, the Sophomores third and the Freshmen in fourth.

During an intermission of West's first-rate musical production "Carnival", theater goers took part in an art show/auction which raised funds for West's Art Club.

The West Valley free-skate night at the Northern Lights Roller Rink was attended by a great many West students and teachers. The springtime affair for West's **Cheapskates** kept the school year rolling right along.

The in-school mock wedding performed by the Family Living class, familiarized students with the procedures and preparations involved in a marriage ceremony and reception.

This wide variety of spring functions provided special opportunities for student involvement and allowed those smitten with spring fever to let off steam in a constructive manner.

The West Valley Rifle Team is: Dale Chapple, Joan Scarborough, Coach Mr. Lee Solis, Troy Valentine, Jennifer Tomany, Kathy Eyth, Allan Coty, Diane Caldwell, Brian Scarborough, Scott Spencer, Janice Trumbull, Kurt Cooney.

No single factor spelled out success for the West Valley Rifle Team, but rather it was an extremely favorable set of circumstances that triggered the West shooter's competitively strong season. The fact that the team gained a new coach and conducted the longest after-school practices of any West athletic club, combined with their inherent ability to work well together as a single, powerful unit, contributed to their victory in the long-drawn season.

A new teacher at West, Mr. Lee Solis was also new to the game of coaching rifle team but he obviously possessed what it took to guide the team through the long, tough season. Coach Solis was as willing and as capable of learning fast as were his sharpshooters and it was not long before he was forking out generous doses of shooting savvy to both the team in general and to his individual shooters. Said Varsity member Jennifer Tomany of Solis, "...we had a great coach and I'm looking forward to coming back and shooting for him next year."

Practices extended from September through April and ran for two and a half hours each Tuesday and Thursday evening. As if these taxing practices were not enough, some shooters logged additional shooting time at the U of A range on weekends. Concerning practice, Solis remarked, "we practiced longer than any other athletic club at West and it showed." The darkness of the firing line contrasted with the brilliance of the range lights to establish an atmosphere of apparent tranquility, while in actuality, each shooter exercised his or her utmost concentration. Elaborated Solis, "the sport requires ninety percent concentration and ten percent skill."

Above all, the fact that the team members worked very well together and in harmony with their coach, is what their success can be attributed to. The team was both young and small, (the Varsity marksmen included one Senior, two Sophomores and one Freshman). The team was, "a quality team because we didn't have quantity."

Although most members agreed that the '78-'79 shooting season was a long one, most will be returning to shoot it out for West again next year when Solis will, "plan on a shorter but more concentrated season" and will hopefully develop a "highly organized and professional team with a dedicated outlook."

JOCKS

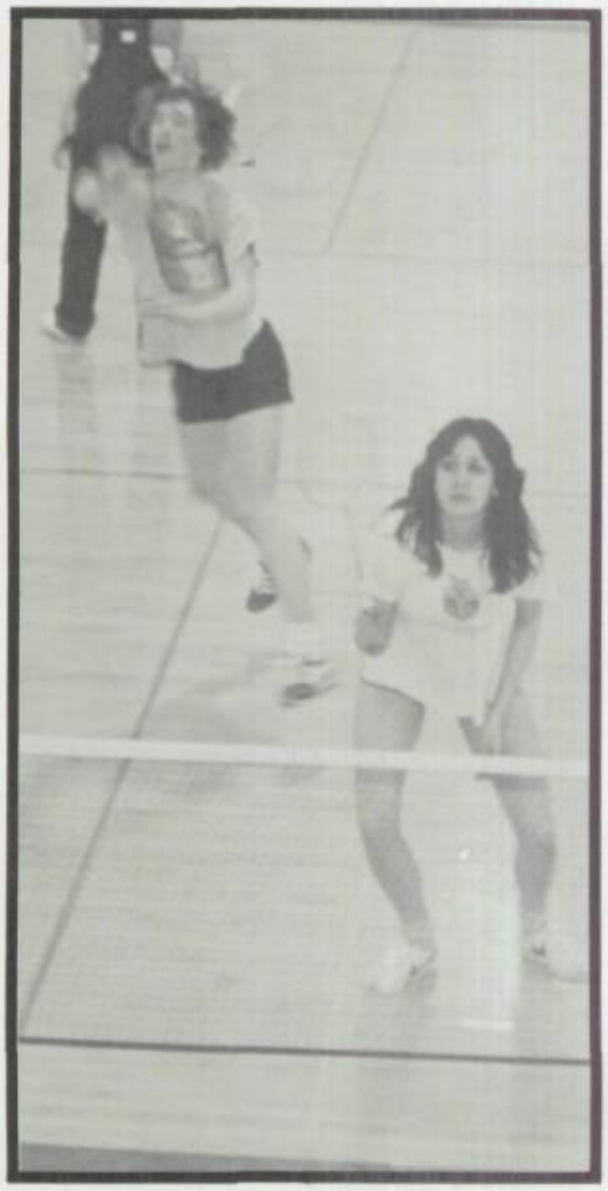
SHOOTING TO WIN REQUIRED CONCENTRATION AND UNLIKE SOME SPORTS, FAST ACTION WAS REPLACED WITH BOLT ACTION

Appearing as if his day is shot, dedicated coach Lee Solis prepares to take his punishment like a man.

West's Varsity marksmen Kathy Eyth, Diane Caldwell, Kurt Cooney and Jennifer Tomany demonstrate the four shooting positions.

Employing the mind over matter approach, Varsity member Diane Caldwell lines up a shot from the kneeling position.

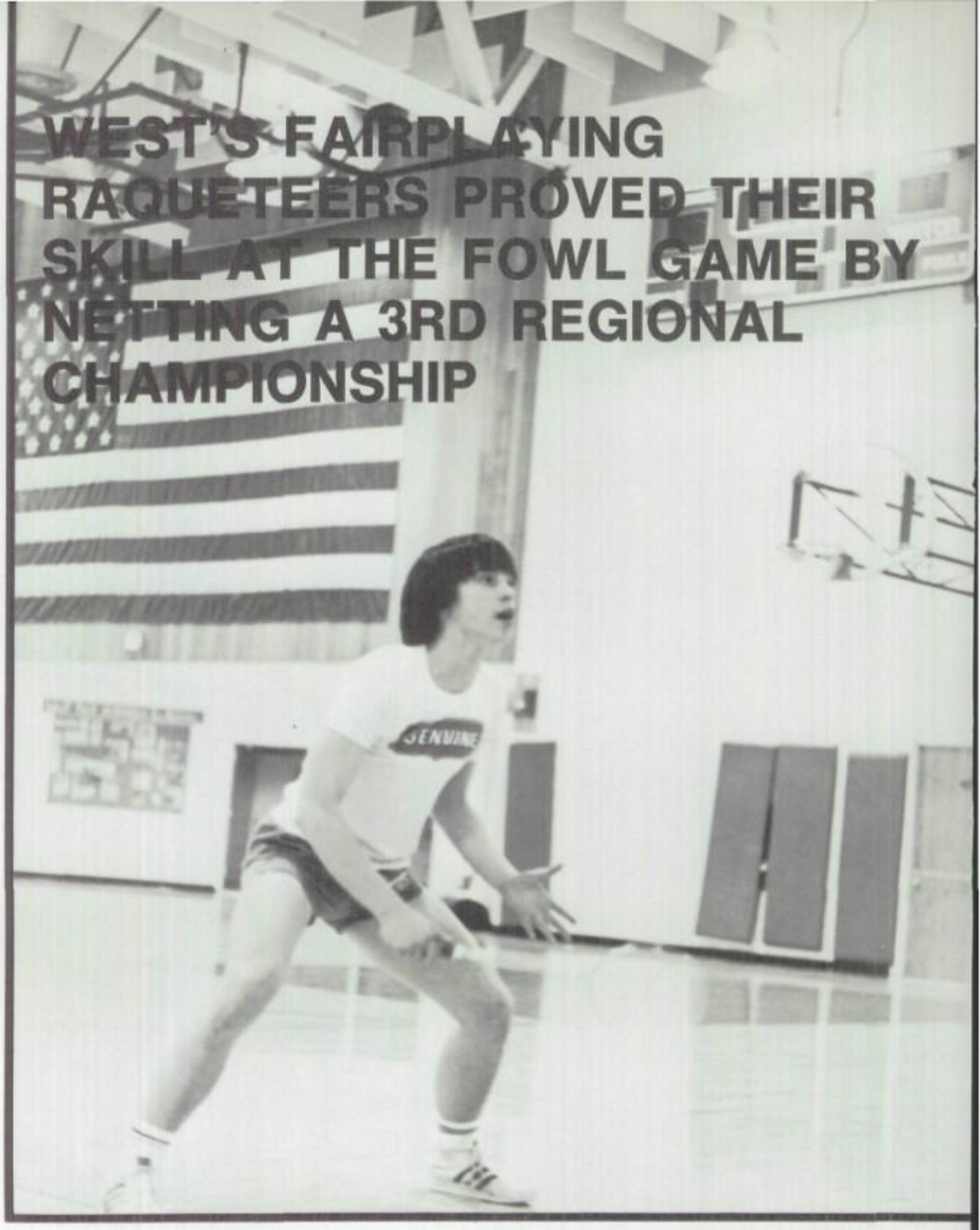
Prone to success, Varsity shooter Kurt Cooney concentrates on breath and pulse control.



Capitalizing on their home court advantage, mixed doubles partners Scott Stamps and Jennifer Fate rally against Lathrop.

In a singles match, "genuine" Varsity birdman Bob Burcell sets himself to deal with any shot that comes his way.

WEST'S FAIRPLAYING RAQUETEERS PROVED THEIR SKILL AT THE FOWL GAME BY NETTING A 3RD REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

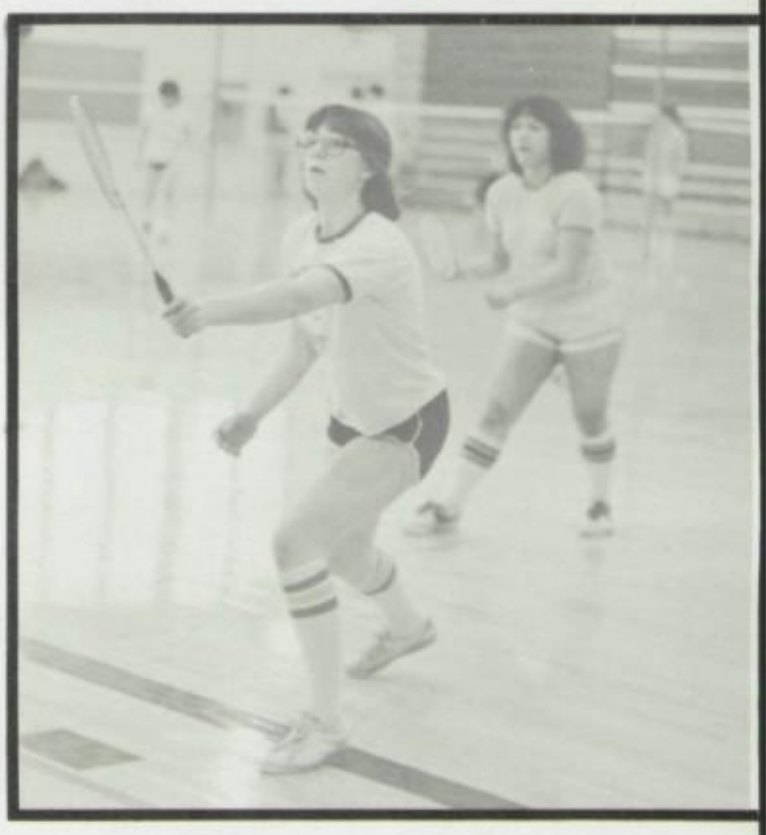


West's birdpersons include BACK ROW: Coach Bill Ernst, Amro Elshamma, Mike Cooney, Charlie Koo, Mohammed Sivjee, Bob Burcell, Ted Stamps, Mark Perry, Scott Stamps, Chuck Cole. FRONT ROW: Pat Barclay, Stacey Hutton, Jennifer Fate, Gillian King, Jaylen Fenton, Micky Schruf, Carolyn Cox, Colleen Palmer, Joy Phillips and Debbie Dinkel.

Regaining contact with the hardwood, Ted Stamps, (alias Towel Man) comes down after executing a deadly aerial smash.

With his men's doubles partner Mohammed Sivjee, in the backcourt, Mike Cooney smashes for "flesh."

With a satisfying "pop" of the birdie, airborne Micky Schruf sends her Malemute opponents the by-product of a powerful smash.



West's tough women's doubles team of Gillian King and Jaylen Fenton alertly defend their court.

By this time, West Valley's spectacular success sports-wise may appear to be making the '78-'79 Aurora seem redundant. Nevertheless, due to the supreme efforts of West's smashing Badminton Team we may triumphantly chalk up another Region VI title to the credit of the Wolfpack empire!

Head Birdman, Coach Bill Ernst assembled the Badminton Team and began practices in early March. After only slightly more than two weeks of practice, the team entered its first match against Lathrop, West's single yet dangerous opponent. West's birdie smashers went into the match a trifle over-confident and received a thorough feather singeing from the Malemutes. This first loss of the season represented West's third loss in as many years.

The following week, with their pride hurt and tails tucked, the Wolfpack racqueteers played their home court advantage to the hilt and rallied to crush the Malemutes with a score of 9 to 6.

With the return of their confidence, the team ventured to Lathrop and played its third match of the season. The match was extremely close right up to the wire with both teams playing well and with dogged determination, but a key men's doubles win allowed the Pack to sneak past Lathrop with a very close score: 8-7.

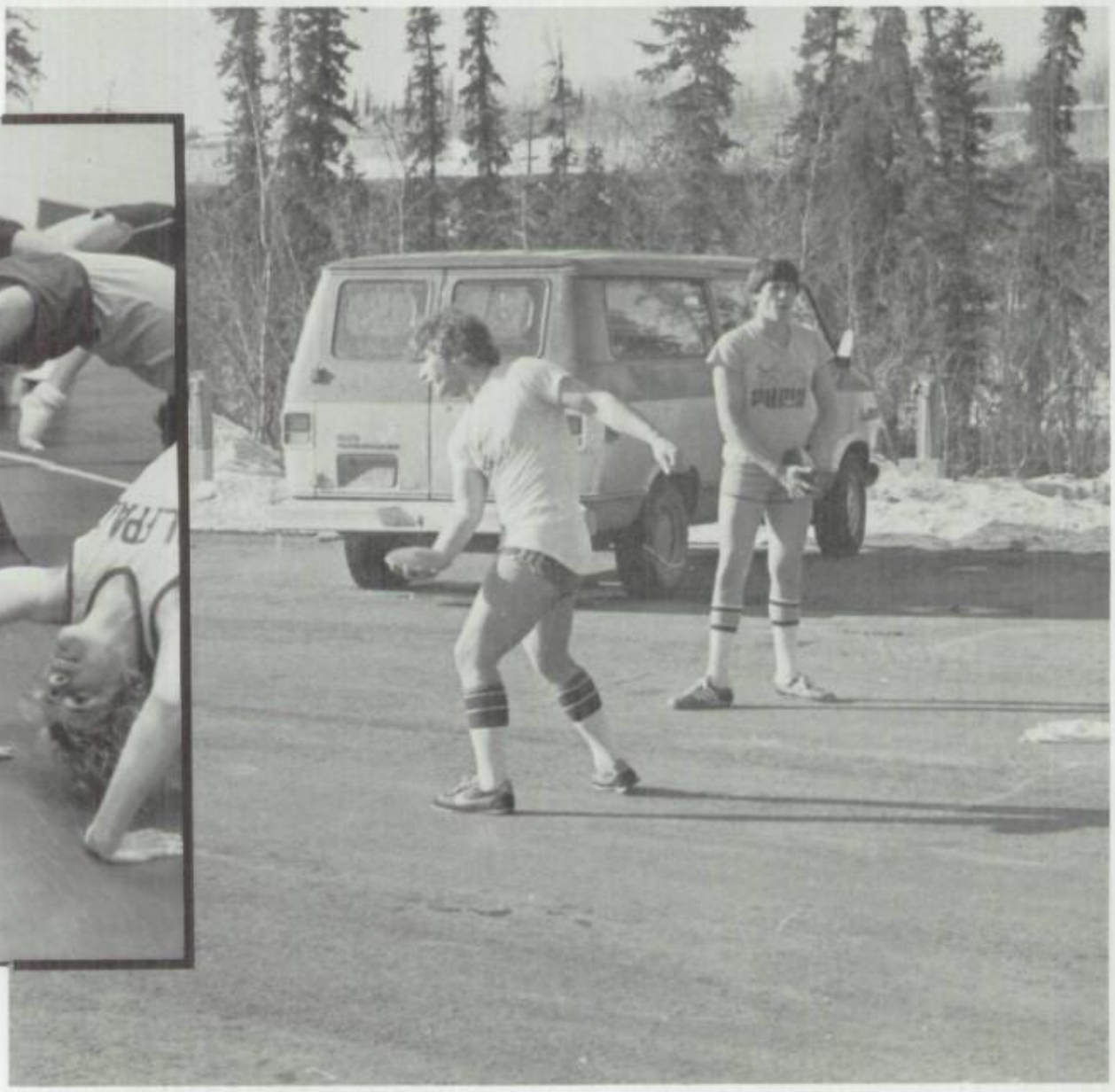
With two wins under its belt, West needed but one final victory to capture the Regional crown. Lathrop came to West courting disaster and perhaps realized that West held the trump card. The final match of the season was West's best as the Varsity birdpersons played their hand beautifully, dropping the Malemutes in their tracks to win their third Consecutive Region title.

The season had slipped by almost before anyone had noticed, but not before the individual team members took the opportunity to play in the Invitational Tourney hosted by the Lathrop team.

The thrill of the Regional victory was shadowed only slightly by the players' disappointment that the season had ended all too soon and had been restricted to competition with Lathrop (a very worthy opponent). Perhaps it is the very briefness of the badminton season that makes the sport so attractive in the first place: one must savor every shot.

West Track, FRONT ROW: Managers Kathie Gish and Penny Irby; Donald Runberg, Gloria King, Leslie Monroe, Amy Owen, Anne Clark, Joan Scarbourough, Evelyn Degan, and Theresa Gaiser. SECOND ROW: Coach Bob Sprague, Manager Cheryl Looney, Bill DeLany, Mike Flodin, Sam Sherman, Chris Sims, Calle Gonzales, Alice Hisamoto, Vitorio Casarin, Margie Goldghen, Lori Baughman, John Dempsey, Coach Frank Adame. BACK ROW: Ian White, Karyn Bignell, Bob Andresen, Brad Shira, Connie Bignell, Joan Santora, Diana Hall, Jack Dunshie, Helen Schruf, Shelby Hutton, Lori Meier, Philip Pirie, Paul Brown, Rich Erickson, Jana Cannon, Hans Stragier, John Pennebaker, Dan McGill, Alan Crow, Cameron Pollock, Steve Henry.

Doing "inverted push-ups," the team stretches out before working out.



Touching up their hurling technique, musclemen Jack Dunshie and Rich Erickson practice the discus.

UNDER A NEW COACH AND A TIGHTER PROGRAM, WEST TRACKSTERS ANTICIPATED A BRIGHT SEASON

Pushing themselves to the limit to shorten their recuperation time, Connie Bignell, Amy Owen, and Jana Cannon stride out in practice.

With near-perfect form, Mike Flodin leans low over a hurdle.

Eyeing the bar he must clear, Bob Andresen stretches for maximum height.

Making the best of existing facilities, Sam Sherman runs intervals in the parking lot.

The first sign that Coach Adame was planning a major renovation of West's track training techniques came at the first meeting in early January when dozens of potential running stars were informed of the 6:30 a.m. workouts to be held through January and February. With a yell of "Don't be lazy, people!" Adame started off formal practices in mid-March. Plenty of calisthenics, "Tennessee walks," and sprints in the gym during the first crucial days resulted in aching muscles, a sudden decline in membership, and a Wolfpack track team in better condition than ever before.

The workouts progressed to long distance training, special events work, hills, stairs and plenty of intervals in the parking lot. Working harder and with more enthusiasm than in the past years, West's trackmen weathered the cancellation of several meets, and looked to Regionals with more confidence than ever.

GIVING STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, THIS YEAR'S DEBATE TEAM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY ENDEAVOR

There is no doubt that the '78-'79 Forensics and Debate Team was one of West's best ever. Through local and state competition the team proved to be successful in putting ideas and views across in a forceful manner. Superior logic and superlative skill brought team victories and valuable experience. "Being a member of the debate team," commented one speaker, "gives a person experience at speaking in front of a crowd and helps one express oneself out loud."

For the '79 season eloquent orators paired off into teams for debate on national energy policy. Individual efforts included oral interpretation, original oration, extemporaneous discourse, and radio announcing. Members did much of their own research and preparation with the indispensable aid of Adviser Mrs. Burnside always available. Contributing to the strength of the team was Coach Burnside's constant surveillance of the debate class, and prospective talent often got the hint to join the team.

As the year progressed, West's squad chalked up a most respectable win-loss record at local meets and the state-wide March invitational at the U of A. The climax of the season was the Alaska State Forensics meet in Anchorage at the end of April. There in dramatic events West Valley took first, second, and third places in reader's theatre, technical portfolio, and one-act play, but West shone especially in forensics, where the outstanding team of Barsdate and Burns captured the state debate championship. Lory Barsdate completed a forensics Triple Crown for West with firsts in oration and extemp, and with Jennifer Fate's placing in dramatic interp the West team sewed up a tidy second place in state.

Expressive Sandy Flodin accentuates her humorous interpretation of literature.

Taking a stand on energy, Bernice Burns documents her views during a West tournament.

Preparing for an invitational round, Bernice Burns and Lory Barsdate do some last minute organizing.

FRONT ROW: David Wheeler, Paula Barclay, Julie Hudson, Bernice Burns. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Burnside, Lory Barsdate, Chris Coleman, Rosalind Johnson, Nancy Schikora, Kathy Gibson. NOT PICTURED: Dan Herning, Bill Roth, Katie Neidhold, Jennifer Fate and Sandy Flodin.

Putting thoughts into words, Kathy Gibson plants her point in the minds of her opponents.

Loquacious competitors David Wheeler and Jennifer Fate rearrange for rebuttal.

CHALLENGES AND FOREIGN CUISINE WERE A SLICE OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE LATIN AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS

The Latin Club experienced a moderately active season, but the twelve talented Latin scholars put membership at a maximum. West's Latin teacher Mrs. Madsen advised the Club's activities which included a sledding party at the U of A ski hill as well as the Latin Christmas Dinner which was hosted during the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Madsen looks for an even greater response next year. "Prospects look good", responded Madsen. The Club has proven that Latin is indeed very much alive—in the hallowed halls of West Valley.

Those West students with exotic tastes who were also interested in a foreign language, were invited to join West's Foreign Language Club. In consistency with the Club's objectives, the Club's advisers were foreign language teachers Mrs. Van Enkevort and Ms. Peters. The Club's presiding officers included President Joni Papp and Vice Presidents Alice Hisamoto and Rosalind Johnson.

The Club planned a wide variety of activities including parties, skiing, the International Club Dinner, a Mardi Gras party, and October Fest.

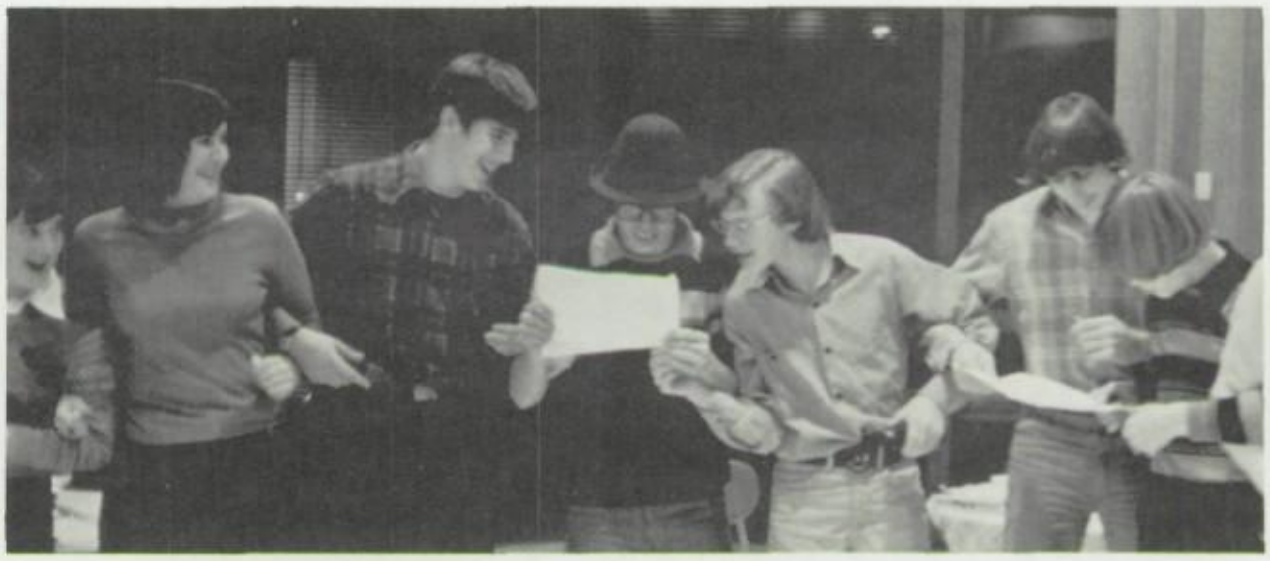
While the Club did experience some membership difficulties, the members did organize some very successful events and played an active role at West.

Amro Elshamma finishes a great day of skiing and fun in the inevitable Foreign Language Club munch down time.

Exhibiting good will towards all, Alisa Katai and Carl Heidel prepare to call on Lathrop's International Club via a bus ride.

Strong man Kurtis Cooney holds up the entire Latin Club consisting of members Lory Nordgulen, Cliff Sharp, Mike McCarthy, Barb Setzer, Emily Fuller, Tammy Sanchez, Sheila Delong, Leslie Blevins, Debbie Dinkel, and Evelyn Degen.

It's feet up for Foreign Language Club members Bob Weeden, Bristol Weeden, Inga Espe, Mrs. Van Enkevort, Sally Aasland, Willie Papp, Jeanine Abel, Indrek Burggraf, Kristen Van Cleve, Alisa Katai, and mascot Carl Heidel.



Harmonizing the night away, foreign language enthusiasts Kristen Van Cleve, Lenita Sheridan, Joe Sackinger, Paul Milan, Carl Heidel, Bob Weeden, and Eric Krejci, link arms while singing German songs.

Munching down at the Foreign Language Club dinner President Joni Papp, food in hand, points out the repast to Jim Blair, Mrs. Van Enkevort, Lia Turner, and Inge Espe.

Fellow members Carl Heidel and Jill Turner keep a watchful eye on Freshman Foreign Language Clubber Kristen Van Cleve as they prepare to set out skiing.

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Allison. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Fate, Russ Talvi, Rachel Lindemann. THIRD ROW: Charlie Koo, Alice Hisamoto, Katie VanCleve, Leslie Monroe, Renee Dykema, Tina Deehr, Mike Cooney. FOURTH ROW: Mike Flodin, Andy Holman, Mark Lewis, Don Rice. BACK ROW: Diane Caldwell, Richard Hicks, Lory Barsdate.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY COMBINED THE OLD AND THE NEW TO MAKE FOR AN EXCITING AND ENRICHING YEAR

With Sponsor Sally Allison at the helm, the Ineput Chapter of the National Honor Society launched itself into another exciting and productive year. The group planned many activities for the year, some traditional and some new and original.

Among the new and original was the first NHS hayride. Those who took the lengthy ride in the back of the truck enjoyed throwing hay so much that the hayride may soon be a tradition with NHS. In the traditional role, the NHS sponsored the Annual Progressive Dinner and the Faculty Tea. The Progressive Dinner, celebrated as a complete success, boasted good food and company.

When asked why the Honor Society put on these activities, President Rachel Lindemann replied, "We just do it for fun and because it is traditional."

Also contributing their leadership to the group were Vice-President; Lory Barsdate, Secretary; Mark Lewis, Treasurer; Hans Stragier. Juniors who have maintained at least a 3.5 grade average or better may be inducted in the spring of the year to carry on the tradition of these outstanding students at West.

Looking and listening attentively, Mrs. Copeland treats her ears to the harmonious sounds of the orchestra at the annual NHS tea.

Loaded up and ready to go, Mike Flodin, Scot Stamps and Mark McWhirter look on as NHS members clamber onto the truck that will take them on the annual NHS hayride.

Serving tea was one of the many services performed by Honor Society members at the annual Faculty Tea. Here member Tina Deehr offers service with a smile.

Pausing to take a break, National Honor Society Sponsor Mrs. Allison gives the photographers a smile at the annual NHS tea.

Voicing ideas, President Rachel Lindemann and Diane Caldwell discuss possibilities for future NHS activities while Alice Hisamoto and Katie VanCleve lend interested ears.

TO THE TOP

Rowdy Senior class members band together to out-scream the other three classes in a Spirit Cup competition.

Decorating for the Senior Dance requires Senior Class Vice President, Julie Burud's complete concentration.

WEST'S CLASS OF '79 REMINISCED ABOUT THEIR PAST BUT LOOKED TO THE FUTURE—GRADUATION

Decked out in their formal attire, discoing West students find that the dance floor at the Senior Ball suits them fine.

Summoning up the waters, sorcerer Scot Stamps works with other class members to establish the park style decor for the Senior Ball.

Dynamite comes in small packages, and, like dynamite, Wes Valley's smallest class—the Seniors—exploded into the 1979-1979 school year bursting with enthusiasm and the determination to make their final yeat at West their best.

Backed by her fellow officers, Senior Class President Renee Dykema worked with Co-advisers Jim Walker and Sandra Madsen to organize the seniors' first major fund-raiser, a sudsey summer carwash at McDonald's. Also on the order of fund-raising events, the class sponsored the "Life's Been Good to Me So Far" dance, took charge of all football home game concessions, and sold senior signature T-shirts.

The same dynamic senior spirit and creativity that produced the impressive '79 Homecoming float also enabled the seniors to reign victorious in many of West's spirit contest.

As the year progressed, seniors sponsored first the Annual Wolfpack Dinner and then the Senior Ball. The dinner featured a buffet-style banquet and introduced West's athletes and coaches. The ball was a memorable event and will be the object of much "Reminiscing."

As the days lengthened, severe Senioritis set in and suffering upperclassmen anticipated that bitter-sweetmoment —graduation—after which West Valley would remain a source of fond and countless memories.

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SENIORS

Zany senior band members Tina Deehr and Katie Neidhold practice March-ing in September.

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SC: 11, 12, Dbt&Frns: 10, 11, 12, Rfl: 9, 10, FLC: 10, 11, Ybk: 10, 11, Ed-12, KeyC: 11, 12, NHS: 11, VP-12
KARL BAURICK

Ellen Bell

Richard Best

Mary Jane Bezona

ELLEN ALISON BELL
CChr: 9, 10, 11, Sec-12, Blz: 10, 11, 12, HockChr: 10, 11, CoCap-12, Drm: 10, 12
RICHARD BEST
MARY JANE BEZONA
KeyC: 10, 11, Gym: 9, 10, 11, CChr: 9, 10, 11, 12

LeeAnn Bignell

Dan Bishop

Jim Blair

LEEANN BIGNELL
Gym: 11, Cheer: 9, CChr: 9
DAN BISHOP
JAMES BLAIR

Nicole Bonney

Gilbert Booth

Stephen Burbeck

NICOLE BONNEY
Swim: 11
GILBERT BOOTH
STEPHEN E. BURBECK
Ftb: 10, 11, 12

Matthew J. Burdick

Ernest Burggraf

MATT BURDICK
Bb: 9, 10
ERNEST C. BURGGRAF
Trk&Fld: 10, 11, 12

With conscientious effort, Debbie Simmons studies during an ACDC class.

Rhonda Burks

Guarding their territory, the Senior crew rules over the halls.

RHONDA 'ROWDY' BURKS
WrestChr: 10, Blz: 11

Bernice Burns

Julie Burud

Diane Caldwell

BERNICE BURNS
Dbt&Frns: 10, 11, 12, B: 9, Ybk: 10, 11, 12, Blz: 12, SC: 9, 10, 11, WrestChr: 9, Vb: 9, 10, 11, 12
JULIE ANN BURUD
JV Vb: 9, JVCheer: 9, PpC: 9, 10, 11, VCheer: 10, 11, CChr: 10, 11, 12, SC: 11, 12, Blz: 12
DIANE LEE CALDWELL
V Rfl: 9, 10, 11, 12, B: 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS: 11, 12

Susan Carboy

Lori Carlson

Lois A Carpenter

SUSAN CARBOY
LORI CARLSON
LOIS ANNE CARPENTER
V Swim: 9, LttrGrl: 9, 10

Patrick L. Casey

Marilyn Childers

Stephanie Childress

PAT K.C. CASEY
MARILYN L. CHILDERS
Trk&Fld: 10, X-C Run: 12, Bb: 10, 12, B: 10, 11, CChr: 12
STEPHANIE CHILDRESS
Wrest Chr: 10, 11, Blz: 11

WARREN J. CHRISTIAN
Rfl: 10, 11
CYNTHIA MARIE CLOBES
KEVIN COILEY
Hock: 10, 11, 12

TAMMERA LYNN CONOVER
ART COOK
MICHAEL COONEY
KeyC: 9, 10, Sec-11, Treas-12, NHS: 11, 12, SC: Sec-12, Ybk: 12

CARLA CORRIGAN
Wrest Chr: 11, 12
CHRIS COTY
REUBEN L. COWELL

JEFF CROSS III
Ftb: 9, 11, 12, Wrest: 12, Trk&Fld: 9, CChr: 9, 10, 11, 12, B: 9
ALLEN CROW
MARY DAHL

Tina L. Deehr

Theresa Dempsey

Jim Desrochers

TINA LINA DEEHR
X-C Run: 9, 10, 11, 12, X-C Ski: 9, 10, 11, 12, B: 9, 10, 11, 12, FLC: 10, 12, NHS: 11, 12

THERESA DEMPSEY
B: 9, 10, 11, JV Vb: 9, 10, Trk&Fld: 10

JAMES DESROCHERS

Bryan Dickerson

Gene Dinkel

Dawn Douglas

BRYAN DICKERSON
GENE STEVE DINKEL
DAWN DOUGLAS

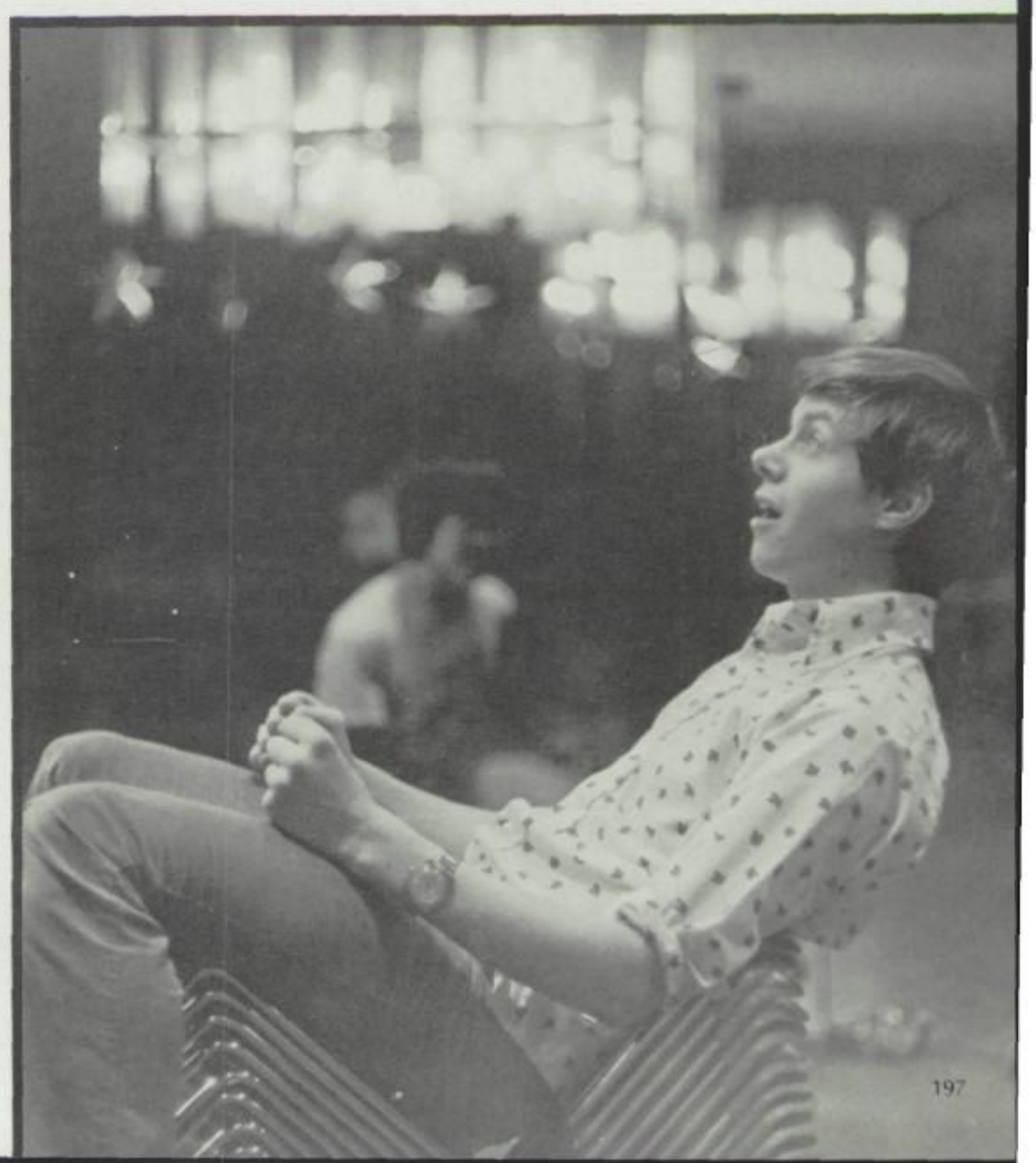
Renee Dykema

RENEE LISA DYKEMA
SC: 11, 12-*Sen. Prez*, PpC: 10, 11, FLC: 10, 11, CChr: 12, NHS: 11, 12, Bionic: 12

Laura Ebenal

LAURA "FACE" EBENAL

Blasting off into the realms of imagination, Mark McWhirter is awed by some brilliant notion.



To the amusement of Mrs. Mears, Philistine society 'president' Mike Flodin philosophizes on the art of girls.

OSAMA ELSHAMMA

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JEFFREY MICHEAL ENGFER
JV Ftb: 9, V Wrest: 9, V Trk&Fld: 9, Drm: 11, ArtC: 11

Gary Falls

Jennifer L. Fate

Marcia Kaiulani Fenton

GARY FALLS
Bb: 9, Tennis: 9, 10
JENNIFER LEE FATE
V Swim: 11, Capt-12, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, Bdmit: 10, 12, Cheer: 9, PpC: 9, FLC: 9, 10, JCL: 11, NHS: 11, 12, Dbt&Frns: 11, 12, SC: 9-ClPres, 10, 11, 12 Ybk: 11, 12, Blz: 11, CChr: 11
MARCIA KAIULANI "FACE" FENTON
Bb: 10, Mng-9, Vb: 10, Bdmit: 9, 10, 11, Ybk: 11, 12, SC: 10, 11

Mike Flodin

Leslie Foltz

Lynda Foster

MICHAEL S. FLODIN
B: 9, 10, 11, Capt-12, StgB: 11, 12, Ftb: 9, 11, 12, Bb: 9, 10, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, 12, KeyC: 11, VPres-12, NHS: 11, 12
LESLIE FOLTZ
LYNDA FOSTER
Bb: 9, Bdmit: 9, JV Cheer: 10, V Cheer: 11, 12, SC: 10

Kim Fyke

Kevin Gallagher

Jocelyn Gannon

KIMBERLY ANN FYKE
KEVIN GALLAGHER
JOCELYN GANNON
WrestChr: 10, Swim: 11

Melody Garwood

Daniel Carl Gerdes

Tammy L. Gitt

MELODY GARWOOD
Bdmit: 9, 10, 11, Ybk: 12, Blz: 12
DAN GERDES
B: 9, 10, 11, 12, CChr: 12
TAMMY GITT

Jerry Gleason

Margie Goldgehn

Toby Green

JERRY GLEASON
MARGERY GOLDGEHN
TOBY L. GREEN
CChr: 9,10, Pres-11, 12, Drm: VPres-11, 12, Bionic: 12, KeyC: 11, 12, Blz: 11, SC: 11, 12

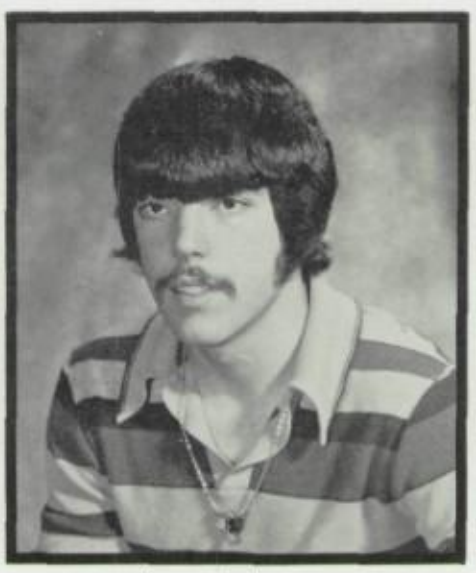
Patti Gregory

Joan Hafele

Mike Hale

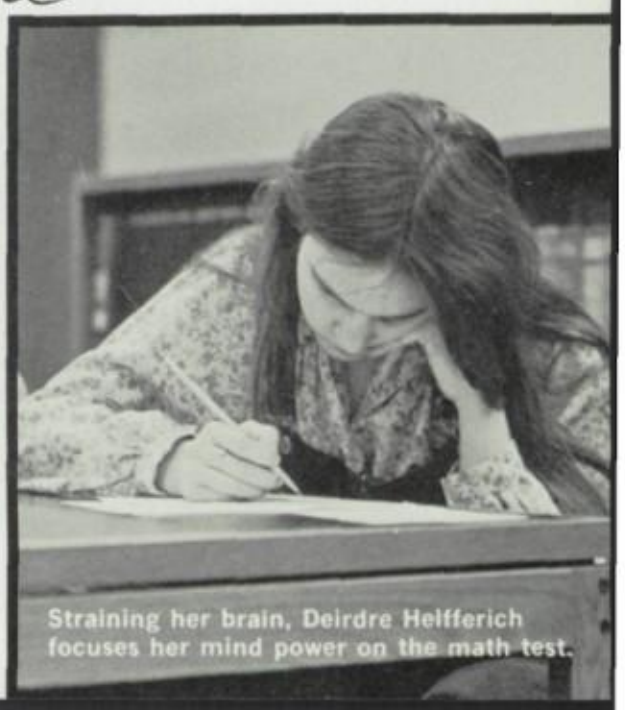
PATTI JEAN GREGORY
Bb: 9, 10, 11, 12
JOAN MARIE HAFELE
Bb: 9, Cheer: 9, ArtC: 10
MIKE HALE

David Hanns



Chris Harding

DAVID HANNS
CHRIS HARDING
KeyC: 11, Biz: 10, 11, Bdmit: 11, ScFi: 11



Straining her brain, Deirdre Helfferich focuses her mind power on the math test.

Completing their AP Lounging homework requires a group effort from Chris Sims, Mark McWhirter, Joni Papp, Carla Warren, David Wheeler, Toby Green, Toni Sanchez and Corrine Nesting.

Gary Haskins

GARY HASKINS

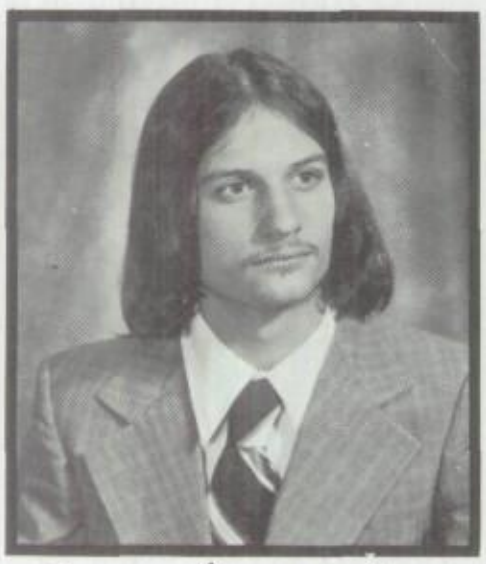
Delbert R. Hayward Jr.

Deirdre Helfferich

Julia Hendrickson

RICHIE HAYWARD
"CHIEF"
Hock: 9, 11, 12
DEIRDRE HELFFERICH
Mind's Eye Lit Mag
JULIA HENDRICKSON

Catherine Henzie



Richard J. Hicks III

Alice J. Hisamoto

CATHERINE HENZIE
RICHARD J. HICKS III
Key C: 9, 10, 11, Pres-12, Bd of Dir, SC: RecSec-12, ScFi: 12, Dbt&Frns: 11, Bionic: 12-orgnzr, ChssC: 9, 10, Swim: 11
ALICE HISAMOTO
NHS: 11, 12, B: 9, 10, 11, 12, Drm: 11, 12, PpB: 10, 11, 12, FLC: 11, 12, Trk&Fld: 12

Andrew J. Holman

Terri Hudson

Roy Hupprich

ANDREW J. HOLMAN
V Ftb: 10, 11, 12, V Bb: 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS: 11, 12, CChr: 12
TERRI HUDSON
Gym: 9, 10, Drm: 12, Blz: 11
JOHN ROY HUPPRICH

Eric Jeglum

Rosalind Johnson

Jim Jones

ERIC JEGLUM
ROSALIND JOHNSON
JIM JONES

Jenny Jordan

Judy Kahl

Paneen Keller

JENNIFER L. JORDAN
B: 9, 10, 11, 12, StgB: 10, 11, 12, PpB: 9, 10, 11, 12, JV Vb: 9, B: Lib-11, 1stLieut-12
JUDY KAHL
PANEEN KELLER

Delosis Kelly

Joe Kennebec, AKA ☆

Sammy Koerfer

DELORIS ANN KELLY
CChr: 9, Hock: 9
JOSEPH A.C. KENNEBEC
ChssC: 10, KeyC: 11, 12, Bionic: 12, Blz: 11, 12, ScFi: 11, 12, M.E.Lit Mag: 11, 12, Ed,
TAMMY KOERFER
SC: 11, Cheer: 10

Charlie Koo

Heidi Koppenhaver

Glenda Kroshus

CHARLES CHA-KWANG KOO
NHS: 11, 12, Key C: 11, 12, SC: 12, CITreas, Orch: 10, Lib-11, 12, Bionic: 12, ChssC: 10, X-C Ski: 10, 11, X-C Run: 12, Bdmit: 10, 11, 12
HEIDI KOPPENHAVER
Cheer: 11, Vb: 11, Spt: 11, CChr: 9
GLENDA DAWN KROSHUS

Kerry Kutt

Miguel La Fleur

KERRY KUTT
MIGUEL LA FLEUR

Spirit-bound Richard Hicks displays enthusiasm for his Senior Class.

Brian Leschorn

Darryl Lester

Mark Lewis

BRIAN #26 LESCHORN
Bb: 9, Blz: 11
DARRYL LESTER
MARK LEWIS
B: 9, 10, 11, KeyC: 11, NHS: 11, 12, Ybk: 12

Kim Lietzke

Rachel Ann Lindemann

Marilyn Lizotte

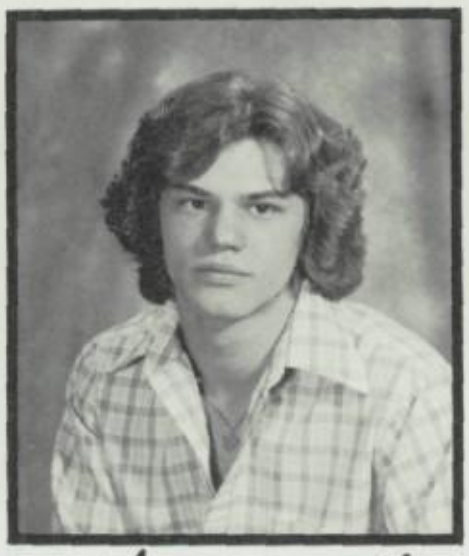
KIM MARIE LIETZKE
DrllT: 9, Trk&Fld: 9, Bomber: 11
RACHEL ANN LINDEMANN
X-C Ski: 10, 11, FLC: 10, 11, NHS: Pres-11&12, Orch: 9, 12, AFS: 12
MARILYN H. LIZOTTE

Kristen Lloyd

Kevin Long

Eric Macchione

KRISTEN LLOYD
Hock Chr: 10, NHS: 11, 12, CChr: Sec-10, Pres-11, VPres-12, Blz: 10, 11, Ed-12, PpC: 10, Drm: 12
KEVIN LONG
ERIC MACCHIONE



Martin Marley Michael Curtis McCotter Don McFarland

MARTIN R. MARLEY
MICHAEL CURTIS McCOTTER
DON McFARLAND

Scott K McHenry Kim McNavish Dale McRae

SCOTT K. McHENRY
B: 9, StgB: 9
KIM McNAVISH
DALE MICHAEL McRAE
ArtC: 12

Mark McWhirter Danny Medlin Thor Melchior

MARCK McWHIRTER
X-CRun: 9, 10, 12, X-CSki: 9, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, 12, Bionic: 12, KeyC: 12, Chss C: 9, 10, 11, 12
DANNY MEDLIN
Swim: 11, 12, DivngT: 11, 12
THOR MELCHIOR
Drm: 10, 11, 12, ScFi: 12, Ybk: 11, 12

Sandra Lee Miles

SANDRA LEE MILES

Mad hatting West students Sally Aasland and Joni Papp display some typical Senior humor.

Elevating West's spirit with their smiles, are "the faces", Micky Schruf, Marcia Fenton and Laura Ebenal.

Leslie Monroe

Daniel K. Moody

LESLIE MONROE
FLC: 9, SC:Treas-11, Sec-12, NHS: 11, 12, CChr: 12, Trk&Fld: 12, Ybk: 12
DAN MOODY

Ian Morrison

Katherine F. Neidhold '7

IAN MORRISON
B: 9, 10, 12
KATHERINE FRANCES "KATIE" NEIDHOLD
X-CSki: 9, B: 10, 11, 12, StgB: 12, Biz: 10, 11
SC:StudentBodyV-Pres, 12, NatSkiPatrol: 9, 10, 11, 12

Corine Keating

Barrie Neubacher

Gini Nusser

CORRINE DIXIE NESTING
BARRIE NEUBACHER
Biz: 12
GINI NUSSER

Cheryl Nowottnick

Tim Oates

Buddy Ogden

CHERYL NOWOTTNICK
TIM OATES
BUDDY OGDEN

Joni Papp

Kelly Paschall

Richard Pears

JONI PAPP
BioC: 10, JCL: 10, 11, FLC: 11, P-12, Artc: ArtC: 11, Bionic: 12, SC: 12
KELLY PASCHALL
RICHARD PEARS

Dana Pelow

Mona Perdue

Joanne Perkowski

DANA PELOW
MONA PERDUE
Project NOW: 9, 10
JOANNE PERKOWSKI
M.E.LitMag: 12

Cindy Pike

Miki Piza

Karen Posthumus

CINDY PIKE
Vv: 11, CChr: 11, B:9
MICHELLE N. PIZA
JVCHeer: 10, BCheer: 11, Blz: 12, PpC: 10
KAREN POSTHUMUS
PpC: 11, GerC: 9, 10, 11, KeyC: 10, 11

Becky Puzick

Fred Randolph

BECKY PUZICK
FRED DOUGLAS RANDOLPH
KeyC: 9, 10, 11, 12, Tr-11, Hock: 9, 10

Dealing out his own brand of pun-ishment, punster Andy Holman entertains a pep rally crowd.

Marty Rawlins

MARTY RAWLINS III
Ftb: 12, Wrest: 9, 10, 11, 12

Eric Rhude '79'

ERIC A. RHUDE
Bionic: 11, 12, KeyC: 11, 12, ScFi: 12, Blz: 11, ChssC: 9, 11, 12

Don Rice

DONALD RICE
NHS: 11, 12, Blz: 10, SciC: 10

Amy Richards

Ralph Richwine

Gail Roberts

AMY RICHARDS
RALPH RICHWINE
GAIL ROBERTS

Al Robinson

Leslie Rogers

Bill Roth

AL ROBINSON
LES ROGERS
BILL ROTH
Swim: 12, Dbt&Frns: 12

Jay Ruckman

Cliff Rutt

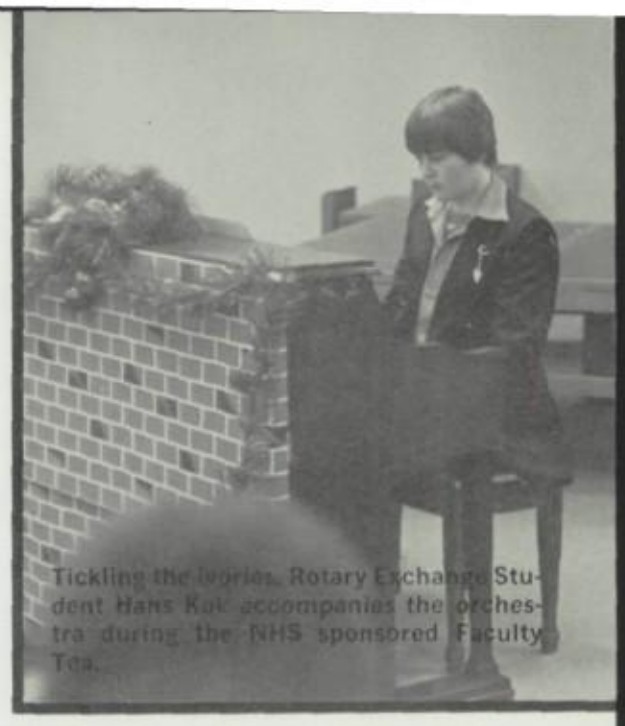
Mary Sackinger

JAY RUCKMAN
CLIFF G. RUTT
Hock: 9, 10, 12
MARY SACKINGER
X-CSki: 10, FLC: 10, 12

David Sala

Druska Salisbury

DAVID SALA
DRUSKA L. SALISBURY



Tickling the Ivories. Rotary Exchange Student Hans Kuk accompanies the orchestra during the NHS sponsored Faculty Tea.

Antoinette Sanchez

Roseann Sanoski

Jackie Schloesser

ANTOINETTE E. SANCHEZ
Trk&Fld: 10, B: 9, 10, 11, 12, ArtC:
ROSEANN SANOSKI
JAQUELINE JAY SCHLOESSER
Vb: 11, Trk&Fld: 9

Jeff Schloesser

Micky Schruf

Bryon Lee Scott

JEFF SCHLOESSER
MARIE (MICKY) ANNELIESE "FACE" SCHRUF
X-CRun: 9, 10, Capt-11, 12, V Bb: 9, 10, 11, Capt-12, Bdmit: 9, 10, 11, 12, SC: 9, 10, 11, Ybk: 11, 12
BRYAN LEE SCOTT

Ron Scroggin

Lenita Sheridan

Sally Anne Sherman

RON SCROGGIN
LENITA SHERIDAN
M.E.LitMag: 11, 12, FLC: 10, 11, ScFi: 10, CChr: 11, 12, Blz: 11, 12, Drm: 10, 11, 12
SALLY ANNE SHERMAN
CCh: 9, 10, 11, 12, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, 12, X-CRun: 10 SwimT: 11, 12, DivingT: 11, 12, SC: 9, FLC: 9, 10, Gym: 9

Sam Sherman

SAMUEL KIRKWOOD SHERMAN
X-CRun; 9, 10, 11, Vb: 9, Swim; 9, 10, X-CSki: 9, 11, Wrest; 10, Trk & Fld: 9, 10, 12, Soccr: 10, FLC: 9, 11, 12, Key C: 9, 10

Deborah L. Simmons

DEBORAH L. SIMMONS

C.J. K. Sims.

CHRIS SIMS
Drm: 12

Emberl Snyder

EMBER SNYDER

Janet Spencer

JANET SPENCER

Steven Spencer

STEVE SPENCER

J Scot Stamps

J. SCOT STAMPS
V. Bdmit: 10, 11, 12, ScFi: 11, 12, KeyC: 11, Sec-12, M.E.LitMag: 12, Bionic: 12-orgnzr

J Ted Stamps

TED STAMPS
V. Bdmit: 10, 11, 12, Bionic: 12, KeyC; 10, 11, V Pres-12 X-CRun: 11, 12, ScFi: 11, Pres-12

Hans J. Stragier

HANS J. STRAGIER
B: 9, 10, 11, 12, Hock: 11, 12, ChssC: 9, 10, X-C Run: 12, ScFi: 12, Bionic: 12

Linda Strozewski

LINDA STROZEWSKI

Russell E. Talvi

RUSS TALVI
Ftb: 11, 12, Wrest: 9, 11, 12, SC: 12, NHS: 11, 12, JCL: 11, KeyC: 9, 10, Ybk: 10, 11 Ed-12,

Lawrence R. Tarnowski

LAWRENCE ROBERT TARNOWSKI

Richard Taylor

Don Theophilus

Debby Thies

RICHARD TAYLOR
DON THEOPHILUS
Bb: 11, SC: 10, Blz: 11, Co-Ed-12
DEBRA THIES
B: 9, 10, 11, 12, StgB: 11, 12

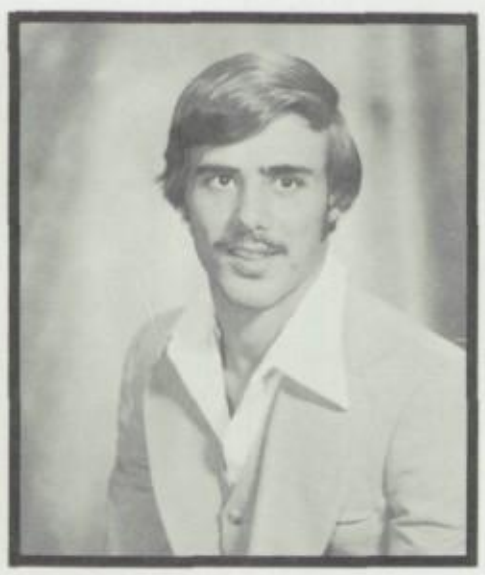
Stan Thomas

Ted Tisdale

Anita Tomany

STAN THOMAS
Dbt&Frns: 11, Blz: 12
TED TISDALE
ANITA TOMANY
FLC: 9, Ybk: 12, Drm: 9, PpC: 11, ArtC: 11

Dave Totin



Terry Underwood

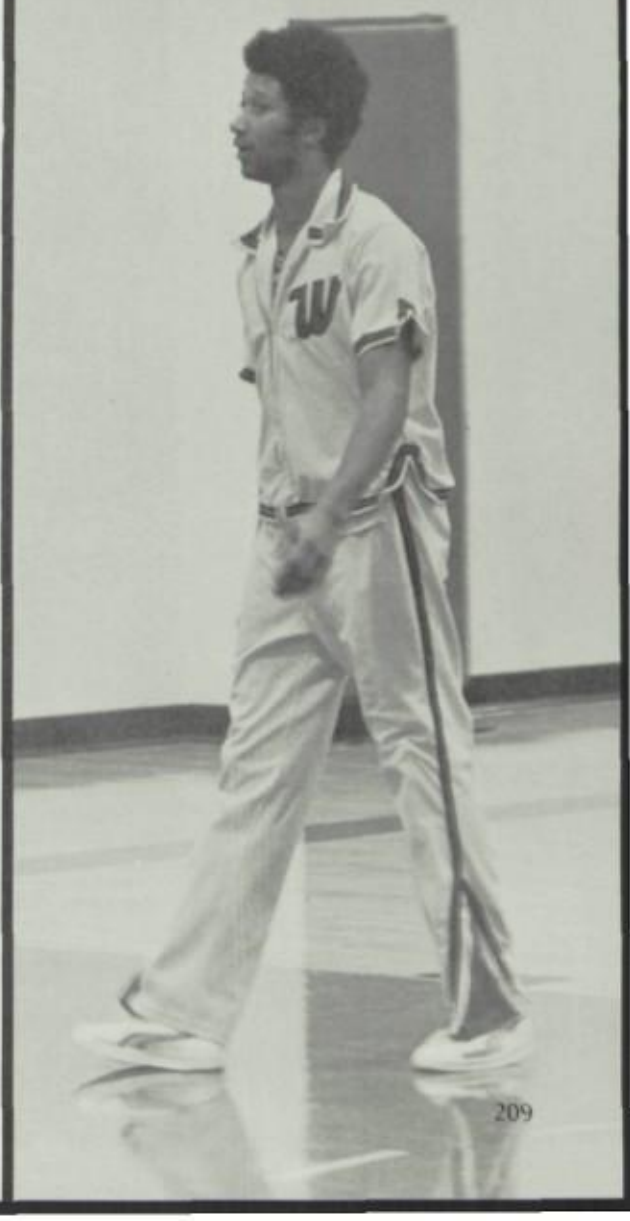
DAVE TOTIN
TERRY LEE UNDERWOOD
X-CRun: 9, 10, X-CSki: 9, 10, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, 12, Ftb: 11, 12

Katie Van Cleve

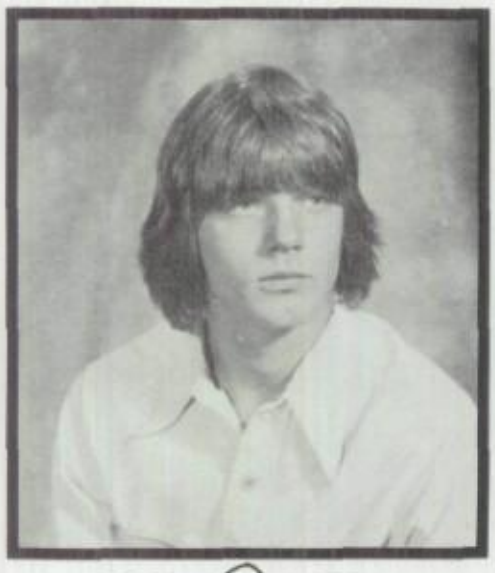
Peter Van Flein

KATHERINE VAN CLEVE
B: 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS: 11, 12, FLC: 10, 11, 12, SciC: 10, X-CSki: 9
PETER VAN FLEIN
Bb: 9, 10, 11, V Ftb: 9, 11, Swim: 11, X-CRun: 9, 10, Trk&Fld: 9, 10, 11, SC: 11

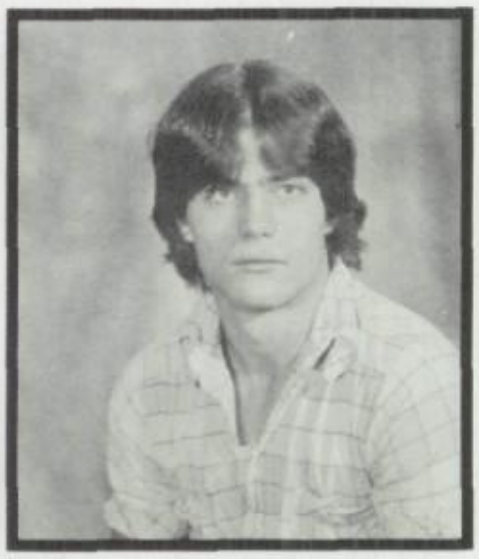
Varsity cager Joe Miller shines the court and West Valley with his presence.



The Senior Ball guarantees a lifetime of memories for Chris Harding and Kim Fyke.



TOM AN HOOMISSEN
#12
Hock: 9, 10, X-CRun: 9, B: 9, Blz: 10, 11, SC: 9, 10
GLEN ALLAN VEHMEIER



WALTER VIERECK
B: 9
DONNA VONDERHAAR
CHRIS WALLACE ESQ.
Hock: 9, 10, 11, 12, V Ftb: 10, 12, Blz: 11, SC: 9, 10, KeyC: 9

TONY WALLNER
JAMES WANG
Ybk: Photog- 12, Blz: 10
CARLA J. WARREN
Rfl: 9, 10, Blz: 11, M.E.Lit Mag: 11, 12

KRIS WASHELESKI
SC: 10, 11, JVCheer: 9, 10, VCheer:11 11
EDS WAUGAMAN
SHANNON LYNNE WEST
ArtC; 9, Bdmit: 9, 10, Ybk: 11, 12, SC: CITreas-10

Ray Wheat

David S. Wheeler

Cheryl Wilhelm

RAY WHEAT
DAVID SCHROEDER WHEELER
M.E.LitMag: 12, KeyC: 12, ScFi: 12, Dbt&Frns: 9, 10, 12, ChssC: 12
CHERYL WILHELM
B: 9, 10, 11, 12

Cheryl Williams

Mary Ann Wolf

Rebecca Wood

CHERYL WILLIAMS
MARY ANN WOLF
BECKY WOOD

Marleyne Davis

Kathy Franz

Sandy Lee

GRADUATING JUNIORS
MARLEYNE DAVIS
KATHY FRANZ
WrestChr: 10, SC: 10, 11
SANDY LEE

Donna Mursch

Mario Roederer

DONNA MURSCH
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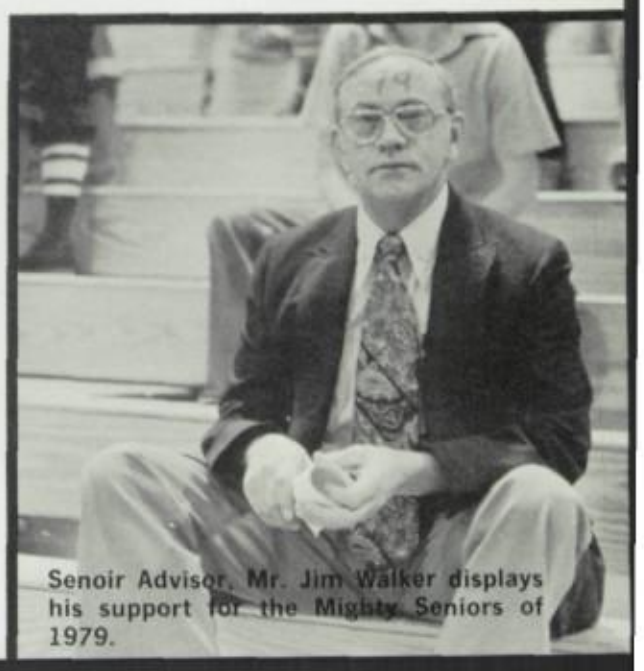

Senoir Advisor, Mr. Jim Walker displays his support for the Mighty Seniors of 1979.

SENIOR HONORS

ROBERT ANDRESEN-All State Honor Band 12
LORY BARSDATE-Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12; Alaska Girls State Governor 11; Girls Nation 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11, 12; City Winner, Elks Know Your State Government Test 11; Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee 11, 12; National Merit Finalist 12; Junior Keyheart, Key Club 11; Princess, Senior Ball 12
ELLEN BELL- Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12
MARY BEZONA-Most Valuable, Gymnastics 10; All State Choir 11; Sophomore Keyheart, Key Club 10
BERNICE BURNS-Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Homecoming 9, 10, 11; Princess, Junior Prom 11
JULIE BURUD-Most Valuable, Varsity Cheerleading 10; Underclassmen Inspirational Award, Concert Choir 11; First Princess, Junior Prom 11; Homecoming Queen 12
MICHAEL COONEY- Most Dedicated, Key Club 11
JEFF CROSS-Most Improved, Varsity Football 11; All State Choir 12
RENEE DYKEMA-Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; Princess, Senior Ball 12
JEFFREY ENGFER-Journalism Award 11
JENNIFER FATE- Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; Junior Prom Queen 11; Princess, Senior Ball 12
MARCIA FENTON-Quill & Scroll 11, 12
MICHAEL FLODIN-Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; All State Band 12
LYNDA FOSTER-Most Valuable, Varsity Cheerleading 11
TOBY GREEN-All State Honor Choir 10, 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; Junior Prom King 11; Second Prince, Senior Ball 12
RICHARD HICKS-Alaska Boys State 10; School Representative, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar 10; American Academy of Achievement 11; State Winner, American Legion Oratory Contest 11
ANDREW HOLMAN-Most Improved, Varsity Basketball 11; All Conference Team, Varsity Basketball 11; All Conference Team, Varsity Football 11, 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; First Prince, Junior Prom 11; First Prince, Senior Ball 12
JENNIFER JORDAN-Honor, Concert and Stage Band, American School London 11; All State Honor Band 12; All Northwest Honor Band12
JOSEPH KENNEBEC-Creative Composition Award 10
CHARLES KOO-Outstanding New Member, Key Club 11; Citizen Ambassador Program 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11
BRIAN LESCHORN-Quill & Scroll 11
RACHEL LINDEMANN-Most Inspirational, Cross Country Skiing 10, 11; All State Orchestra 12
KRISTEN LLOYD-All Northwest Choir 12
MARK McWHIRTER-Commended Student, National Merit Scholarship 12
LESLIE MONROE-Senior Ball Queen 12
KATIE NEIDHOLD-National College of Education Competitive Scholarship 12; Queen, Valentines Dance 11; Mrs. Santa Claus, Christmas Dance 12
MICHALLE PIZA-Most Improved, Varsity Cheerleading 11
MARTIN RAWLINS-Most Improved, Varsity Wrestling 11
ERIC RHUDE-Alaska Boys State 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11
DONALD RICE-Quill & Scroll 10; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist 12
DRUSKA SALISBURY-All State Orchestra 10, 11, 12; National Orchestra Award 11; Orchestra Service Award 11; All-Northwest Orchestra 12
MARIA "MICKY" SCHRUF-Most Outstanding Sophomore, Student Council 10; All Region Team, Varsity Girls Basketball 10, 11, 12; All Tourney Team, 1978 Girls State Basketball Team 11; Most Valuable, Varsity Girls Basketball 10, 11, 12; Alaska Girls State 11
LENITA SHERIDAN-Alaska Girls State 11; Quill & Scroll 11, 12
SAM SHERMAN-Most Valuable, Soccer 10
STEVE SPENCER-Alaska Boys State 11
J. SCOT STAMPS- March of Dimes Youth Coordination (for West Valley) 12
TED STAMPS-Most Valuable, Varsity Badminton 11
RUSSELL TALVI- Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12; Alaska Boys State 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award 12; First Place 132 lbs., Region VI Wrestling 12; Prince, Homecoming 11; Prince, Junior Prom 11; Homecoming King 12; Senior Ball King 12
DEBBIE THIES-Alaska State Honor Band 12
TOM VAN HOOMISSEN-SAE Award 10; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Prince, Homecoming 9, 10; Prince, Junior Prom 11
CHRIS WALLACE-Prince, Senior Ball 12
CARLA WARREN-Quill & Scroll 11
SHANNON WEST-Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Creative Writing Award 11; Airbrush 11; DECA 12
DAVID WHEELER- Best Math Student 9; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11, 12; National Merit Semi-Finalist 12

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

TITLE	ABBREVIATION
Art Club	ArtC
Badminton	Bdmit
Band	B
Basketball	Bb
Biology Club	BioC
Bionic	Bionic
Blizzard	Blz
Captain	Capt
Co-Captain	CoCap
Co-Editor	Co-Ed
Cheerleading	Cheer
Chess Club	ChssC
Concert Choir	CChr
Cross Country Running	X-CRun
Cross Country Skiing	X-CSki
Debate and Forensics	Dbt&Frns
Diving Team	DivngT
Drama/Thespians	Drm
Drill Team	DrilT
Editor	Ed
Football	Ftb
Foreign Language Club	FLC
German Club	GerC
Gymnastics	Gym
Hockey	Hock
International Club	IntNatC
Junior Classical League	JCL
Junior Varsity	JV
Key Club	KeyC
Lettergirl	Lttrgrl
Minds Eye Literary Magazine	MELitMag
National Honor Society	NHS
National Ski Patrol	NatSkiPatrol
Orchestra	Orch
Pep Club	PpC
President	Pres/Prez
Rifle Club	Rfl
Science Club	SciC
Science Fiction Club	ScFi
Secretary	Sec
Soccer	Socr
Student Body	StudentBody
Student Council	SC
Swim Team	Swim
Track and Field	Trk&Fld
Treasurer	Treas
Varsity	V
Vice President	VPres
Volleyball	Vb
Wrestling	Wrest
Yearbook	Ybk

SENIORS NOT PICTURED

KAREN ADKINS
THOR BAKER
DEWAYNE BATES
SETH BIRKHOLTZ
STEVE BLUEKENS
RICHARD BUTTON
DAVID CRAWFORD
WAYNE CRUMPLER
TROY DELNICKI
BARBARA EDMUNDS
TOM GIBSON
MIKE GIVENS
DANIEL GUADIANE
STEVE HAGEL
BILL HIDDEN
BRIAN JOHNSON
RANDY JORGENSEN
STEVE KAUFFMAN
HANS KOK
ALBERT LAWSON
MITCHELL LONG
ROSE LOWERY
SCOTT McCUMBY
JOE MILLER
TIMONA PEETERS
FRANK RHINES
DAVID ROSADUIK
ANNE ROWINSKI
FRANK SANTORA
JAYNE VIGNOLA
NICK WILLIAMS

APUURZOZRLAE

By Cameron Pollock

The names of 20 prominent people at West are hidden in the maze of letters below. How many can you find by consulting the brief clues? The names are read forward, backward, up, down or diagonally, are in a straight line and never skip letters. We have started you off by circling HOLMBERG, the answer to #1 in the diagram. The names may overlap and letters may be used more than once, but all the letters will not be used. Super AURORA sleuths should be able to identify 15 or more names easily. Answers on page 224.

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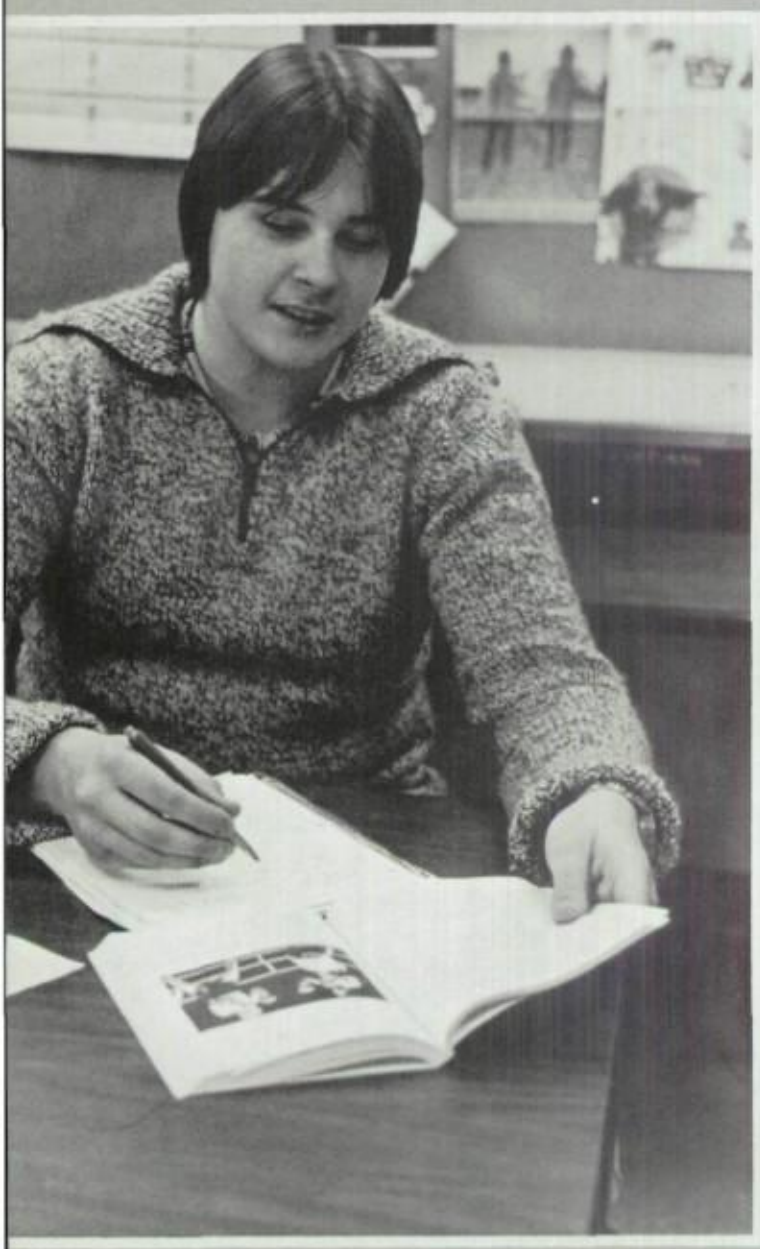
K D S L W S C O T T M Q U N

Clues

1. Fearless leader of Student Councils
2. W.V.'s pal with coaching flair
3. Super sports sisters
4. Sultan of Swat
5. Terror on a track or on skis
6. His thing is being king
7. Captain of the hornblowers
8. Senior senior
9. Artful quarterback
10. Annual teacher
11. Officer with the famous laugh
12. Leads the girls who lead the cheers
13. The key to the club
14. Master of the matmen
15. Clan of aquajocks
16. Paternal counselor
17. Test tube teacher
18. Pioneer female of Key Club
19. Attendance wiz
20. Hearty healer

The two legislators from Alaska display nervousness before debate on their bill starts on the senate floor at Girl's Nation. (insert) Alaskan Delegates from Girls State, Lory Barsdate and Gina Zadra pose in the Lincoln Memorial.



Exciting, new experiences come with new territory as Hans Kok, a Rotary exchange student, from Holland discovers.

Over the span of their high school careers, through superior academic achievement and interest, a select few earn for themselves the opportunity to broaden their horizons and expand the quality of their education. Boys and Girls State, and the American Field Service are two such educationally expanding programs offered to West students.

For five power-packed days during May 1978, five guys and four gals from West participated in Boys and Girls State. The guys traveled to Camp Carol via the Alaska Railroad while the gals winged their way South to Sitka.

The program, which was nearly identical for both Boys and Girls State, allowed for an in-depth study of Alaska's State Government and how it operates. The participants gained insight into the operational intricacies of our state government through the establishment of a "mock" government whereby the students elected from among themselves a Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and representatives and senators to comprise the legislature. The writing of bills and other legislative activities familiarized the students with the three branches of our state government.

Political enthusiast Lory Barsdate, who was elected as Governor of Girls State, was also selected as one of two senators to represent Alaska at Girls Nation; an extension of Girls State. Barsdate flew to our nation's capitol and with her fellow participants, learned the ins and out of our Federal Government. Barsdate commented on the experience, "...it was more intense than Girls State ... really a high powered political scene." The girls also spent time touring Washington D.C.'s historical points of interest.

High up on the list of educationally enriching topics are the various foreign exchange student programs. The faculty and student body of West Valley was extremely lucky to have become so well acquainted with two young men from overseas. Hans Kok and Vitorio Casarin visited Fairbanks and West Valley under the sponsorship of Rotary International.

Kok, a "Senior Senior" graduated from high school prior to coming to West as a sixteen year old Senior and returned to Holland over the summer. Casarin, also a Senior, plans to remain in Fairbanks for another year before returning to Brazil.

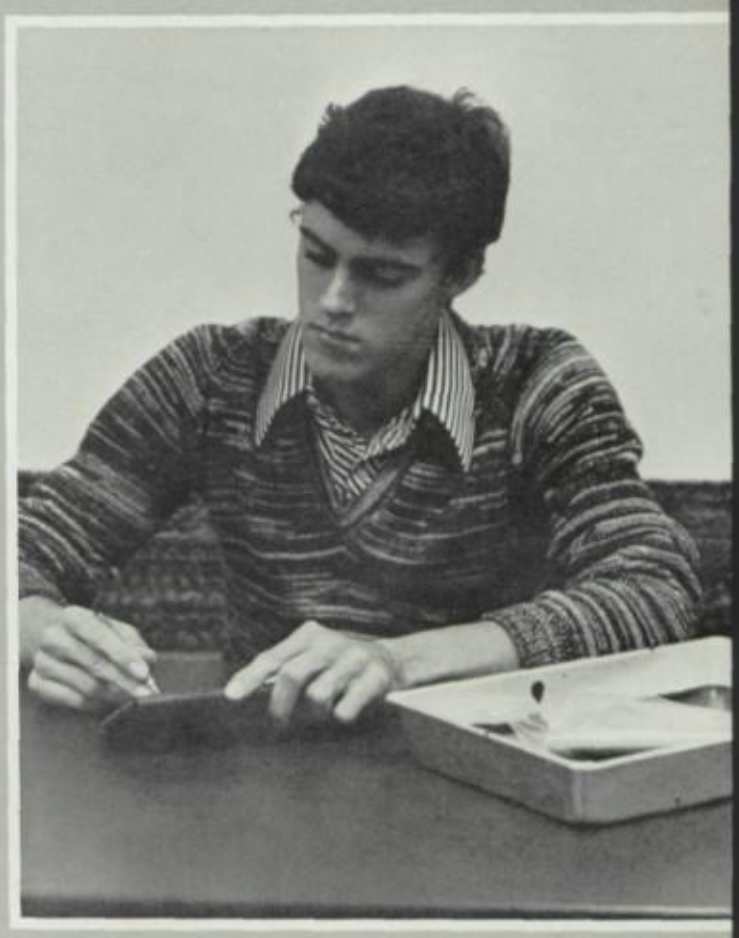
Two West students, Rachel Lindemann and Paula Barclay, were selected by a panel of American Field Service affiliates to take part in the AFS Foreign Exchange Program. Barclay left for Brazil at the start of the second semester, but Lindemann was uncertain of her destination until the last minute.

For their proficiency at essay writing, West Juniors Ken Elbert and Karen Hilliard took an all-expense paid trip to Juneau as a result of winning in the Know Your State Government Contest. While at the Capitol, Elbert and Hilliard stayed with Elks Lodge members, met with State officials and attended sessions of the Legislature.

Ambassadors from West visited points around the state and nation, and benefited from the variety of programs. West also benefited from the experience of sharing the school year with two Foreign exchange students.

AMBASSADORS TO AND FROM WEST VALLEY RECEIVED AND PROVIDED MANY VALUABLE EXPERIENCES

Winners of the Know Your State Government Contest, Juniors Ken Elbert and Karen Hilliard prepare to depart on their all-expense paid trip to *Juneau*.



Rotary exchange student Vitorio Casarin shows an interest in West's science curriculum.

AFS Exchange Student to Brazil, adventuresome West student Paula Barclay, has evidently done her homework.

1978 Stateswomen: Micky Schruf, Lory Barsdate, Kristin Lloyd, Lenita Sheridan

1978 Boys State Representatives: Russ Talvi, Eric Rhude, Andy Holman, Toby Green, NOT PICTURED: Steve Spencer.

Defying the laws of gravity, John Dempsey and Paul Milan spend some time clinging to poles.

Waiting to board the ferry in Valdez, band members take in the beautiful mountain backdrop.

West Valley's versatile Wolfpack Band marches at football games, plays concerts, acquires musical fame through competition, and yes, every Spring departs on a magical musical tour of the state. The magic of the '79 band tour stemmed from the fact that West's musicians employed their collective musical talents to "spread good will" to communities from Fairbanks to Cordova.

The band's '79 Spring Tour which spanned six days and included concert performances in four different communities, differed from past tours since it focused on Southcentral Alaska rather than Southeastern. Taking advantage of the Richardson Highway and the Alaska Marine Highway, the sixty or so band members played one concert in each of the following towns: Glennallen, Susitna, Valdez and Cordova. Most concerts were performed by combining the Stage and Concert Bands.

On the return trip to Valdez from Cordova, the band was taken on a free side trip to see impressive Columbia Glacier that jutts out into Prince William Sound.

On their return to Fairbanks, director Mr. Wiese, one of the band's seven chaperones, commented on another enjoyable tour and stated that as always, "we were generally well received in the area high schools."

Underway, passengers aboard the ferry are entertained by the Wolfpack band on the open sea.

Performing in Valdez, the stage band gives their audience a show to remember.

TOURING WEST STUDENTS TOOK A CLOSE-UP VIEW OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND SPREAD MUSICAL GOOD WILL

Heading East, Rose Sanoski, Janice Trumbull, Liz Tonkins, Marcie Hassebroek, Paul Brown, Margery Goldgehn, chaperone Mrs. Ray, Art Cook, and Ken Elbert got a close-up view of Washington, D.C. and our Federal government.

Between the dates of April 21 and 28, 1979, eight West students made the long trip from Fairbanks, Alaska to Washington, D.C. in connection with the nationwide Close-Up program.

The Close-Up program involves high school students and teachers from all over the United States and presents them with the opportunity to become acquainted with the mechanics of our Federal government. The program caters to the cause of promoting greater student understanding and participation in government. Students are encouraged to take an interest in current political issues and to gain a more complete understanding of governmental concepts.

Because of this program, eight West students under the guidance of Mrs. Doris Ray (the group's chaperone), are now better informed and hopefully more interested in the workings of our Federal government. Perhaps for these fortunate West students, government is no longer distantly removed, but is rather close and familiar.

STAR TRACKS

Flute playing talent earned Bobbie Doner a seat in the All-Northwest Honor Band.

Creating entertainment or just being crazy is not hard for All-State members Paul Milan, Mike Flodin, Arun Sharma, Paul Brown, Richard Tremarello, and Bryan Dickerson.

Concentration couldn't be more apparent in Jenny Jordan's face as she practices during All-Northwest.

Hours of practice and dedication show in the eyes of choir members as they performed their last number "Oh Come Let Us Sing" for Music Festival. The standing ovation they received was just as rewarding as their score of #1.

HARMONIOUS MUSIC SWEETENED THE AIR AT ALL-STATE, ALL-NORTHWEST, MUSIC FEST CONCERTS

One of the greatest honors for a music student is to be selected to All-State Honor or All-Northwest choir, band or orchestra.

All-State students are selected through audition tapes sent to a panel of music directors. The directors listen to the tapes and then select the qualifying students from throughout Alaska. West Valley's eleven All-State band, and five All-State choir members proceeded to Juneau where they rehearsed diligently from November 9-11 and then presented their concerts on the third evening (the 11th). All-State orchestra, meanwhile, rehearsed and performed in Anchorage over these same dates.

All-Northwest students also auditioned by way of tapes screened

Practicing his horn-blowing techniques, All-Northwest band member John Leonard warms up for a concert.

All-Northwest and All-State reps are FRONT ROW: Dana Button, Druska Salisbury, Debbie Davis, Kristin Van Cleve, SECOND ROW: Janice Trumbull, Joy Phillips, Barbara Setzer, Jennifer Brice, Rachel Lindemann, THIRD ROW: Paul Brown, Jenny Jordan, Arun Sharma, Toby Green, STANDING: Richard Button, Bobbie Doner, Debbie Thies, Bobby Andresen, Paul Milan, Richard Tremarello, John Leonard, NOT PICTURED: Bryan Dickerson, Jeff Cross, Kristen Lloyd.

First rate musicians in West Valley's Chamber Orchestra play towards a 1 point performance during the annual Music Fest.

Richard Tremarello's smile of satisfaction indicates the great honor of acceptance to all three Northwest musical groups.

at the University of Alaska. The designated tapes were dispatched to Montana and screened again for the final selection of the Alaskan musicians and vocalists to participate in the All-Northwest music program held at Billings, Montana from March 21-24.

A total of ten band and orchestra members and twenty choir members represented Alaska at All-Northwest. Out of the ten band and orchestra members chosen from Alaska, a phenomenal five band students were picked from West Valley!

Achieving a special, distinctive music honor was Junior Richard Tremarello. Tremarello became the first high school student in the Fairbanks community to accomplish the feat of being accepted to All-Northwest band, orchestra and choir! Tremarello owes his success to his french horn playing skills and an excellent baritone voice. Of the three All-Northwest groups, Richard elected to play in the orchestra.

A superb music program as well as inherent talent led West Students to their musical success.

SPECIAL PEOPLE CAPTURING UNIQUE HONORS DETERMINED WEST'S GENUINE EXCELLENCE

The highest honor attainable by any high school journalist is to become a member of Quill and Scroll. To achieve membership in this organization, one must exhibit high quality journalistic talent while working on the West Aurora, Mind's Eye or Blizzard. New members of Quill and Scroll are inducted each spring following careful consideration by journalism teachers. Membership is announced at the Scholastic and Fine Arts Awards banquet.

Since Quill and Scroll is an international organization, its members receive bulletins that keep them up to date on high school journalism.

QUILL AND SCROLL MEMBERS? FRONT ROW; Russ Talvi, Jennifer Fate, Bernice Burns, Tom Van Hoomissen, BACK ROW; Shannon West, Lory Barsdate, Carla Warren, Lenita Syeridan Ellen Bell, Kristen Lloyd, Marcia Fenton, and Marcie Hassebroek

As pointed out by NEA, Gene Dewild truly earned his Teacher of the Year Award by instructing drama classes with expertise, and directing theater productions such as "Carnival".

The Faculty member of the Year Award is bestowed upon a pleased Mrs. Sally Allison at the supplement assembly. The award, sponsored by the Aurora Yearbook, was voted upon by students and faculty who based their decisions upon teacher involvement, sincerity, and spirit.

After initiation, new NHS members are challenged by old members to a football game at 6:00 A.M.

During breakfast, inductees plan for a NHS picnic.

They came at about 10:00 on Wednesday night, May 2. Old NHS members made their rounds with squirt guns and masks, picking up the suprised initiates and taking them blindfolded to the school. There the new members were put to work cleaning the school and straightening library books. After the work was done, everyone proceeded to the gym for badminton and basketball, after which everyone bedded down in sleeping bags in the gym, supposedly to get some sleep. Awakened again to the sound of a trumpet at 4:45 A.M., the new members were informed of the duties of NHS and treated to a breakfast cooked by the old members. Following formal induction ceremonies several days later, the inductees became full fledged members to carry on the NHS tradition.

Along with other new members, initiate Susan Jones has to wear her pin throughout the day.

West Valley is admirably represented in three separate oratorical contests by Lory Barsdate, Nancy Schikora, and Bernice Burns. Barsdate and Schikora emerge as undisputed State Champions, while Burns received a well deserved second.

ATHLETIC

Within West's wide spectrum of varsity sports there existed a number of Wolfpack athletes who on the playing field achieved spectacularly for the glory of their teams and of West Valley. All of these athletes received precisely what they deserved: noteworthy recognition. For their efforts, Mark Perry, Dave Lambert, Jack Dunshie, Micky Schruf and Ian White were selected as Daily News-Miner Prep Athletes of the Week. Mark Perry and Dave Lambert were both selected for their football talents while Jack Dunshie was chosen for his puck pushing, Micky Schruf was picked for her round ball tactics and Ian White was named for his worth as a harrier.

In the All-Region Team aspect of the '78-'79 sports picture, West come out well represented. Following the Region VI Boys Basketball Championship game, two All-Region Teams, were announced. Net man Andy Holman was named to the Basketball All-Region Team, while Varsity leader of cheers Randi Freeman was chosen for the spirit-rousing Regional counterpart. Girls selected for basketball skills were West's Girls Varsity Captain Micky Schruf and teammate Shelby Hutton. West's sole representative to the All-Region Volleyball squad was Sophomore Lori Meier. West Matmen Craig Woods, Russ Talvi, Marty Rawlins, and Steve Kauffman were all chosen to the All-Region Wrestling Team. Representing West Valley on the All-Region Hockey Team were puck chasers Jack Dunshie, Sam Freese, and Richie Hayward.

TOP PICTURE: Spectacular sports persons Sam Freese, Lori Meier, Richie Hayward, Dave Lambert and Mark Perry exemplify West's excellent athletic program. BOTTOM PICTURE: West's All-Region athletes Marty Rawlins, Steve Kauffman, Russ Talvi, Randi Freeman, Shelby Hutton and Jack Dunshie, brandish the tools of their trade.

HONORS

TOP PICTURE: A fine collection of West super athletes includes Steve Kauffman, Andy Holman, Dave Schram, Micky Schruf, Jennifer Tomany, Ian White. BOTTOM PICTURE: Railbelt All-Conference players are Jeff Cross, Jack Dunshie, Terry Nance, Shane Holmberg, Andy Holman.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner once described the Wolfpack football team as "a fine wine," and the real corker for West came after the Wolfpack's Railbelt Conference Championship. Seven vintage West gridders were named to All-Conference Team, including Jack Dunshie, Defense; Terry Nance, Offense; Dave Lambert, Offense and Most Valuable Player; Andy Holman, Offense; Scott McCumby, Offense; Shane Holmberg, Offense; and Jeff Cross, Offense. West Players chosen to the Coach's All-Conference Team were Shane Holmberg, Scott McCumby, Jack Dunshie.and Terry Nance.

West basketball players received recognition as Andy Holman was picked to represent West on the Christmas All-Tourney Team and Dave Schram was elected to the Boys Regional All-Tornament Team.

In addition to his position on the All-Region Wrestling Team, Steve Kauffman took the State championship in his 171-lb. division. Ian White, who skis in addition to running, represented West Valley at the Junior National ski races held in Squaw Valley, Idaho. Also placing West in the limelight was Varsity shooter Jennifer Tomany, who placed an exceptional seventh in the State shootout.

All-around athlete Micky Schruf was chosen by the Daily News-Miner as the Region VI Player of the Year and recieved the most coveted athletic honor awarded to a West student, the '78-'79 Athlete of the Year Award!

THE AURORA POLL REVEALS . . .

Who is the best looking guy at West Valley?

The winner was none other than Russ Talvi, winner of the two most coveted royalty honors available to a senior; Homecoming King, and King of the Senior Ball. Chris Wallace received enough votes to take second place, while Sophomore Dave Lambert placed third.

Who is the best looking girl at West Valley?

Sophomore cheerleader Heidi Koerfer, supported mainly by the Freshman and Sophomore classes, took top honors in this category. Her toughest competition came from Jennifer Fate, who carried the upper class vote, trailed closely by Timona Peeters.

Russ Talvi

Heidi Koerfer

Seventeen

What is your favorite magazine?

The girls spoke out on this question, and enough said **Seventeen** to make it the winner. **People** magazine, our model, pulled out a second place, while other top votegetters were **Sports Illustrated, High Times,** and **Rolling Stone.**

People

What is your favorite class?

This was the question that got the biggest variety of answers, ranging from Math and Government to Foods and Photography. P.E. was the overall winner, receiving most of its votes from underclassmen.

What is your favorite TV show?

Nanu-Nanu. The kid from Ork proved to be everyone's favorite, as Mork and Mindy came out as the most popular show at West. M*A*S*H held its own in votes with a second place while Saturday Night Live was voted the third most favorite show.

How do you feel about the new complete yearbook?

Much to our delight, nearly 60% were extremely positive, 32% were positive but a little leery about the late delivery date, and only 8% were negative.

Answers to Aurora Puzzle
1. Holmberg 2. Kleeper 3. Schruf 4. Shellinger 5. White 6. Talvi 7. Flodin 8. Dykema 9. Dunshie 10. Philleo 11. Neidhold 12. Freeman 13. Hicks 14. Scott 15. Roth 16. McGuigan 17. Pomeroy 18. Barsdate 19. Hyatt 20. Wilcox

Paige Wallace and Russ Talvi

Who is the best looking couple at West Valley?

There were three couples who received the majority of the votes and all through the poll counting appeared to be dead-even. However, in the end, Russ Talvi and Paige Wallace won by a slim margin over Dave Lambert and Randi Freeman in second place and Chris Wallace and Heidi Koerfer in third.

Bee Gees

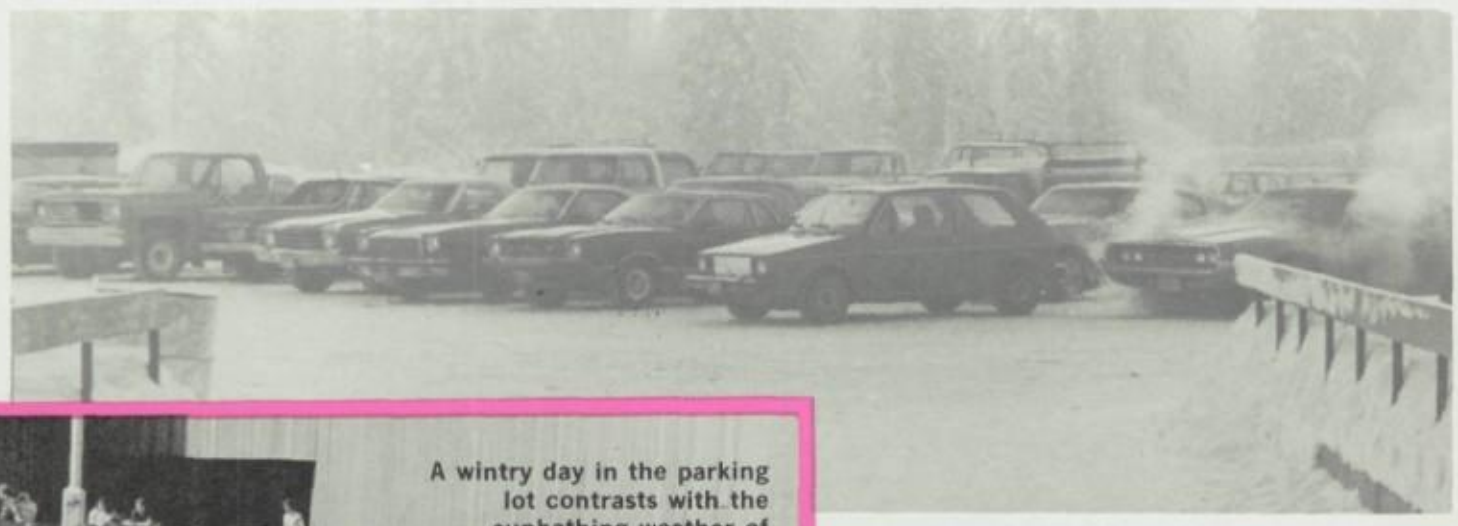
Who is your favorite singer or music group?

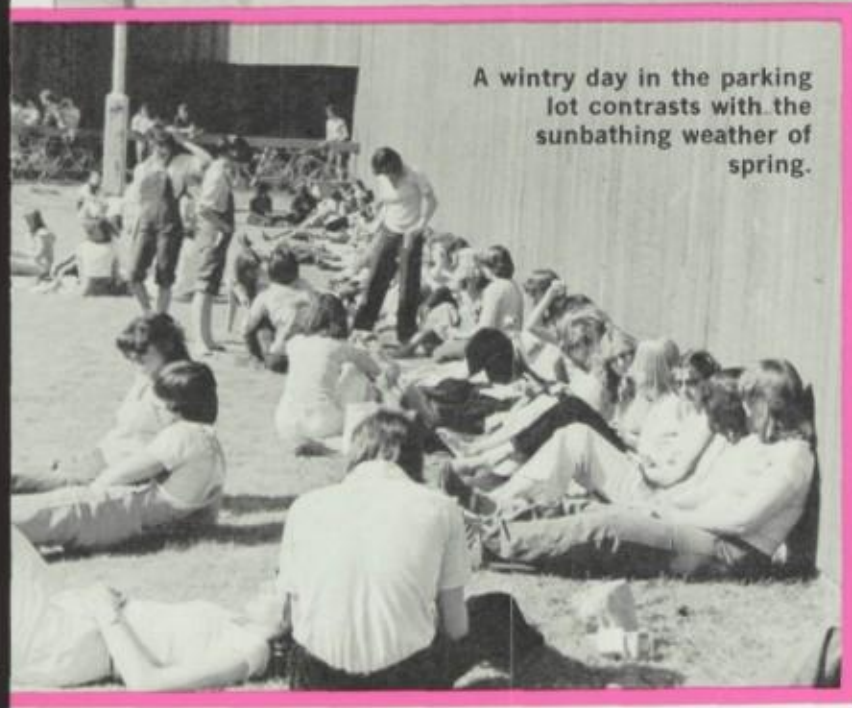
The response we got to this question told us that Saturday Night Fever is still going around. Yes, the Bee Gees are still on top winning by an overwhelming margin over Boston, Earth, Wind & Fire, and the Commodores.

SEQUEL

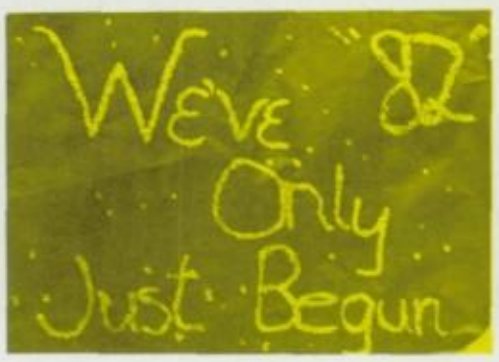
Year-Round People

Queues formed on the first day of school as students waited to receive schedules, and the student body *again lined up on Supplement Day in* May.





A wintry day in the parking lot contrasts with the sunbathing weather of spring.



The freshman dance theme expresses the sentiments of graduates during May rehearsal.

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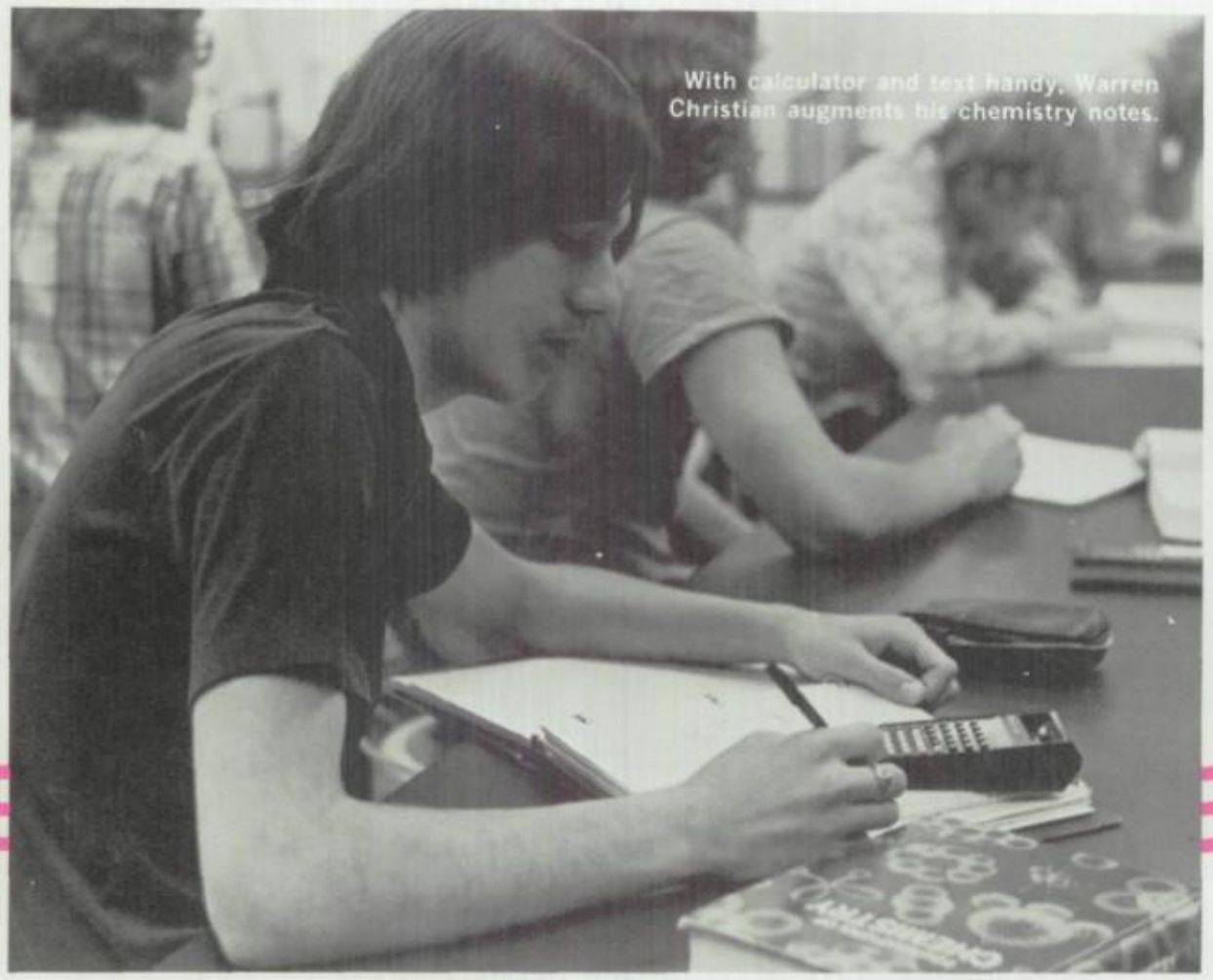


With calculator and text handy, Warren Christian augments his chemistry notes.

Government student Kevin Long scans American Political Behavior during Mrs. Ray's fifth hour class.

An Elizabethan gallant (Sam Sherman) and Henry VIII (Chris Sims) "brush up their Shakespeare" at the Bard's birthday festivities.

Academic activities peaked in the last months of school, and a tumult of cram sessions, final projects, celebrations and exams dizzied students and teachers.

Among academic activities were the National Honor Society induction and birthday party for William Shakespeare. Highlights of the April 23 commemoration of the Elizabethan Bard included Scenes from the Classics dramatized by the Alaska Repertory Theatre, recognition of outstanding English students Mike Cooney and Julie Burud, and a rendition of "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" from the musical Kiss Me, Kate by the AP English class.

Serious studying was also accomplished by West students as classes culminated in mandatory finals. The newly-instituted exam requirements dictated that every class from AP's to PE must have a two-hour semester final. Another academic facet new in '78-'79 was comprehensive testing for juniors. Designed to indicate levels of academic ability and areas where refresher courses are needed, these tests (written by West teachers) enhance the credibility of the West Valley diploma.

Advanced Placement students suffered through a week of grueling national AP exams, and sophomores endured a national test of basic skills. Many brains were strained during the final weeks of school, but the rigors of studying and testing were balanced by celebrations of academic excellence and the rush of post-exam jubilation.

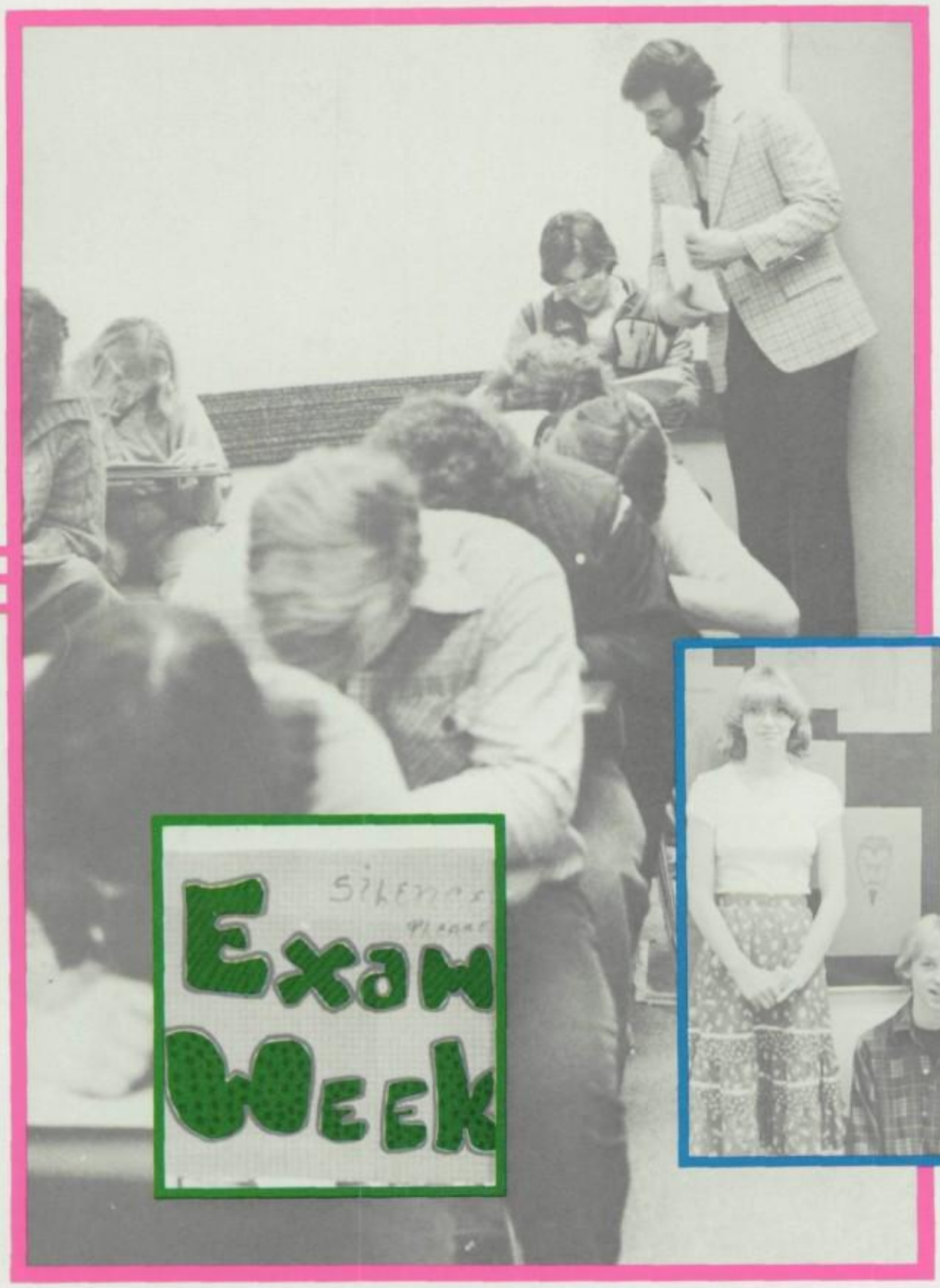
INVENTORS

This page sponsored by the generous WVHS Student Council.

A bemused Robert Nice enjoys the comments of fellow Western Civ. scholar Dave Bezona.

As the rest of the class attacks a final exam, Mr. Rodey explains a question to Fred Randolph.

Constructors of the technical portfolio that nabbed second place in state competition are Dawn Borjesson, Blair Reynolds, Antoinette Sanchez and David Thurman.



New NHS inductees are, FRONT ROW: Mary Sackinger, Susan Jones, Ellen Bell, Randi Freeman, Peggy Williams, Micky Schruf, Janice Trumbull; SECOND ROW: Brian Wescott, Robert Weeden, Cameron Pollock, David Wheeler, Keith Hanneman, Carl Heidel, Ken Elbert.

PRIZED SPOCKS

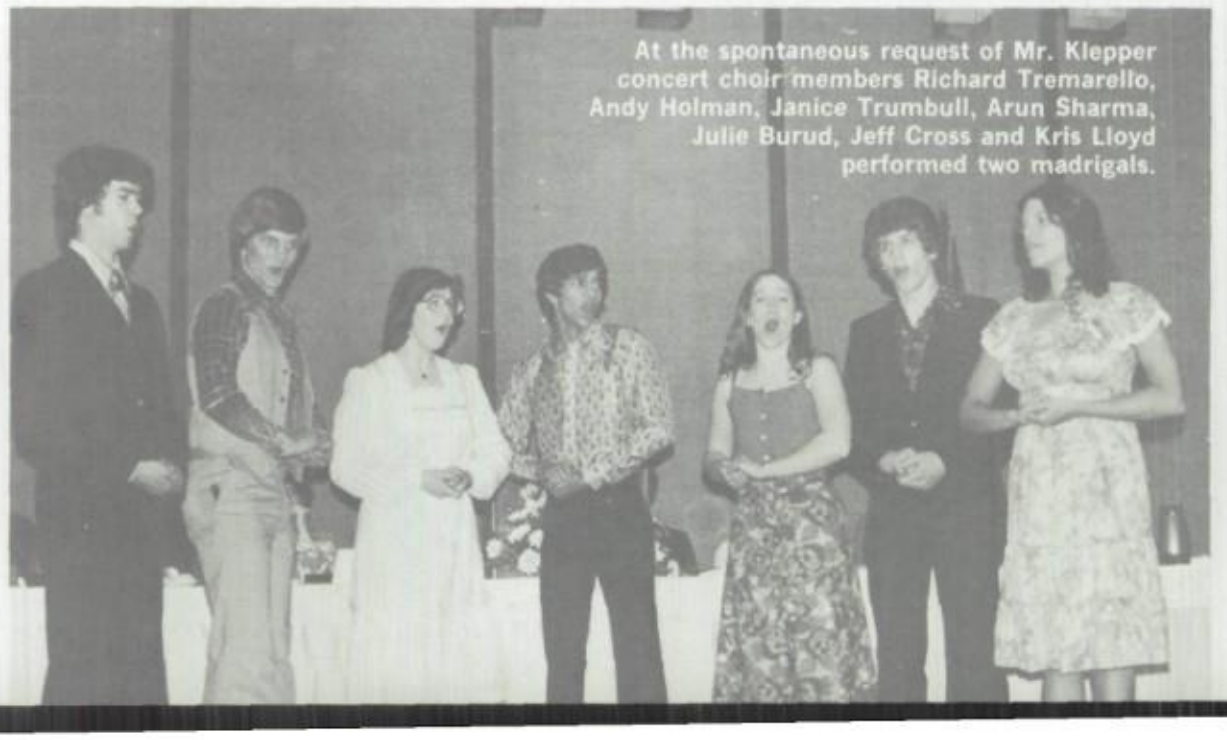
The Fine Arts and Scholastic Awards Banquet was held in the Traveler's Inn Gold Room on May 9. Over 250 cultural and academic enthusiasts enjoyed a buffet dinner and an evening of honors. At the head table were Father McGuigan, Mr. and Mrs. Klepper, Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, Mr. Shellinger, Student Body President Shane Holmberg, and Vice President Katie Neidhold. Mr. Klepper introduced each adviser for awards presentation.

Concert Choir: Outstanding Seniors-Julie Burud, Jeff Cross National Choral Award-Julie Burud Underclassman Award-Janice Trumbull
Orchestra: Service-Jennifer Brice Leadership-Druska Salisbury National Orchestra Award-Debbie Davis
Wolfpack Concert Band: McDonald's Band Nominees-Diane Caldwell, Mike Flodin Sousa Award-Jennifer Jordan Director's Award and Louis Armstrong Jazz Award-Paul Milan Outstanding Freshman-Scott Button
National Honor Society: Special Award-Rachel Lindemann
Quill and Scroll: Mike Cooney, Cameron Pollock, Micky Schruf, Linda Streit, Kelly Wien, James Wang, Don Theophilus, Laura Winford, Bernice Burns, Julie Burud, Joe Kennebec
Journalism Special Honors: Bernice Burns, Marcie Hassebroek, Marcia Fenton, Jennifer Fate, Micky Schruf, Mind's Eye staffers
Outstanding Journalists: Lory Barsdate, Russ Talvi, Shannon West, Ellen Bell, Kristin Lloyd
Key Club: Outstanding Member: Scot Stamps Outstanding New Member: Laura Winford
Student Government: Outstanding Freshman-DeLisa DeVargas Outstanding Sophomore-Paige Wallace Outstanding Junior-Marcie Hassebroek Outstanding Senior-Renee Dykema Service-Lory Barsdate Leadership-Shane Holmberg Enthusiasm (Special)-Katie Neidhold
Debate: Lori Barsdate, Bernice Burns, Jennifer Fate, David Wheeler, Nancy Schikora
Thespians: Best Thespians-Carl Heidel, Abbie Johnson Best Performance-Carl Heidel (Play), Julie Burud (Musical) Best Crew Member-Dave Thurman
Presidential Scholar Finalists: Lory Barsdate, David Wheeler
National Negro Scholar: Rosalind Johnson
1979 Girls and Boys State: Marcie Hassebroek, Randi Freeman, Laura Winford, Linda Winters, Shane Holmberg, Richard Tremarello, Ken Elbert, Cameron Pollock
Departmental Honors: English-Lory Barsdate Social Studies-Joni Papp Novice Historian-Keith Hanneman Science-Don Rice Mathematics-Hans Stragier, Don Rice Math Test-Matt Colonell Foreign Languages-Lory Barsdate Home Economics-Lois Carpenter
American Legion Awards: Julie Burud, Andy Holman
Outstanding Senior Awards: Lory Barsdate, Russell Talvi

West Valley Outstanding Seniors Lory Barsdate and Russ Talvi beam as they descend from the stage to a standing ovation.

Outgoing Key Club President Richard Hicks presents an unbreakable gavel of "rich" hardwood to '80 President Richard Tremarello.

Musician extraordinaire Jennifer Jordan receives the John Philip Sousa award from director Mr. Wiese.



At the spontaneous request of Mr. Klepper concert choir members Richard Tremarello, Andy Holman, Janice Trumbull, Arun Sharma, Julie Burud, Jeff Cross and Kris Lloyd performed two madrigals.

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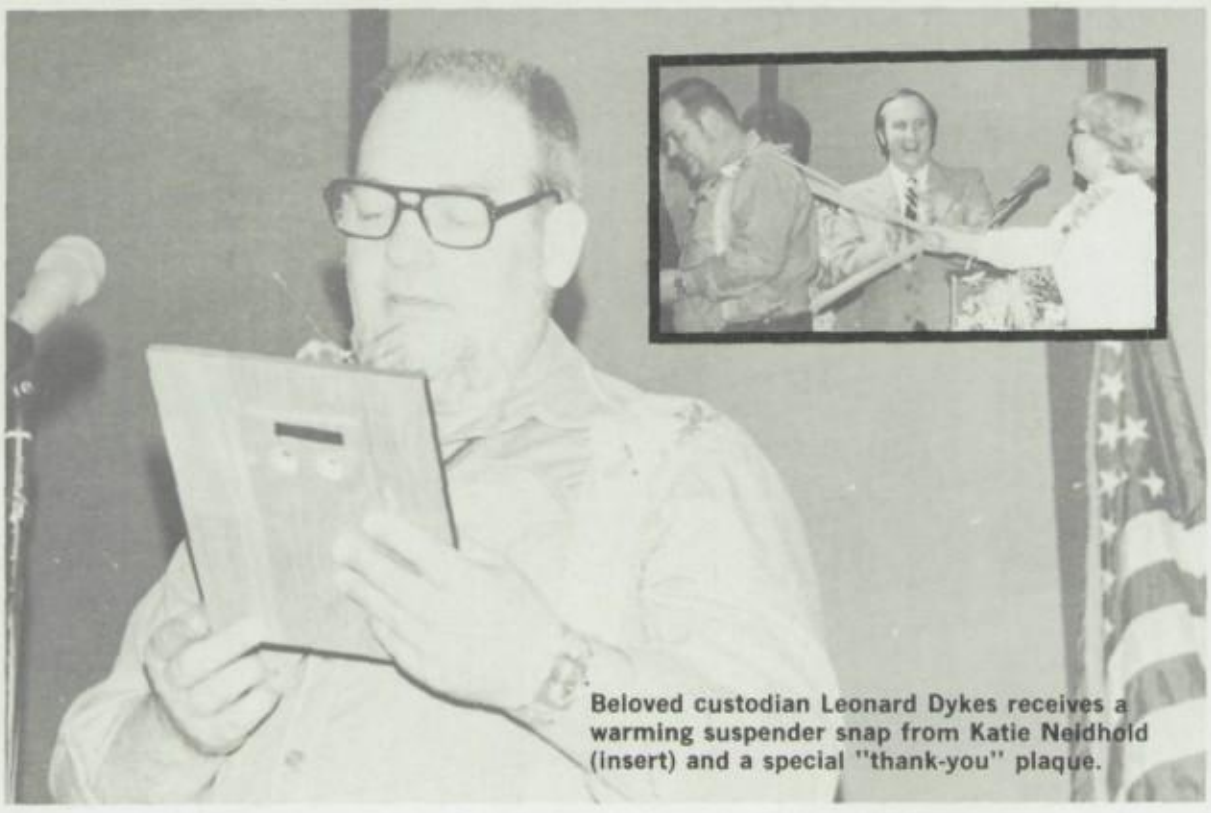
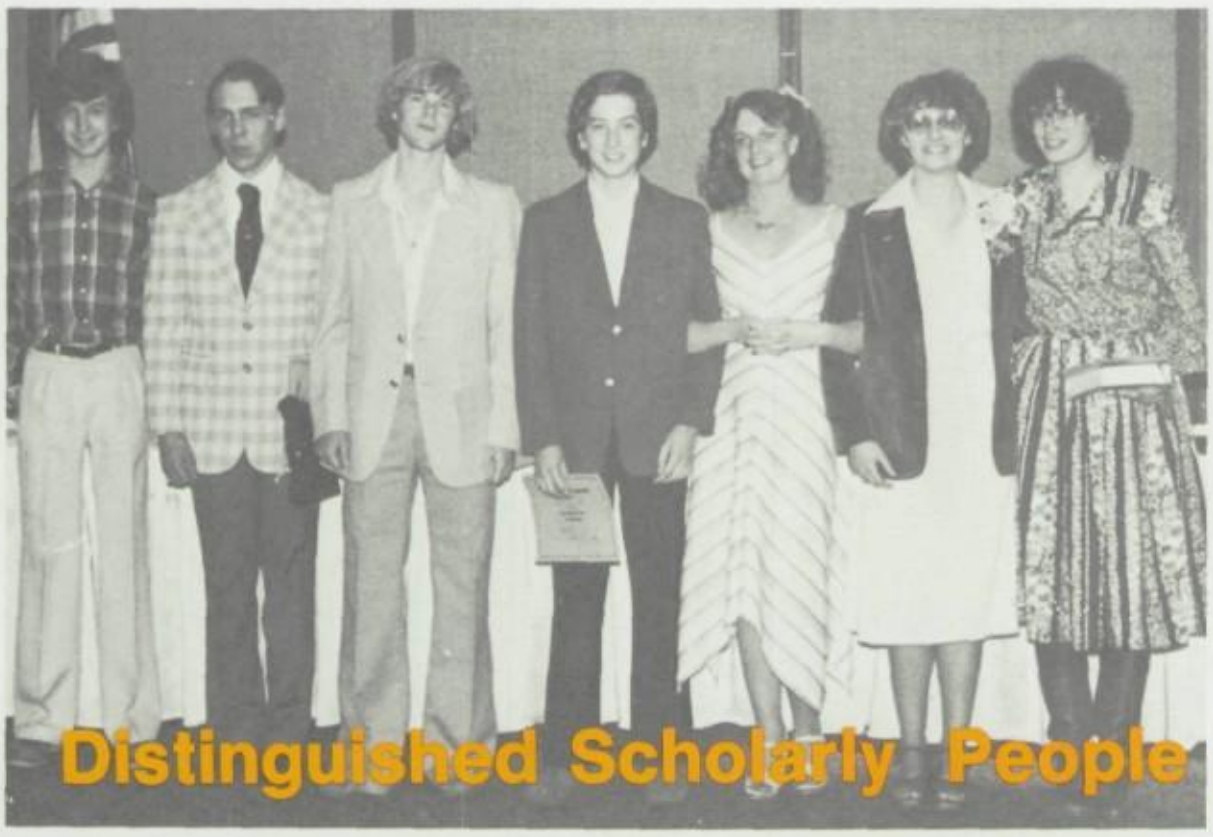


Beloved custodian Leonard Dykes receives a warming suspender snap from Katie Neidhold (insert) and a special "thank-you" plaque.

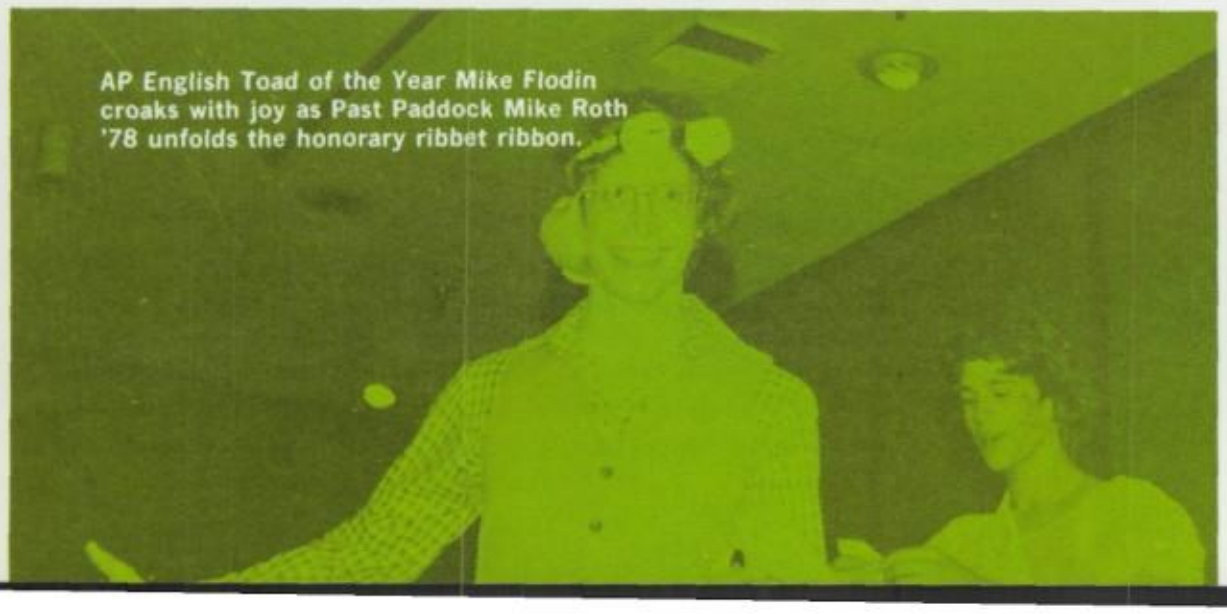
American Legion School Award honorees are active seniors Andy Holman and Julie Burud.

Distinguished students in study areas are Matt Colonell (Math Competition), Don Rice (Math, Science), Hans Stragier (Math), Keith Hanneman (History), Lois Carpenter (Home Economics), Lory Barsdate (English, Foreign Languages), and Joni Papp (Social Studies).



Distinguished Scholarly People

Orchestra President Debbie Dinkel and fellow musicians Kristen VanCleve and Dana Button grasp the letters and pins acknowledg1ng their concerted efforts.



AP English Toad of the Year Mike Flodin croaks with joy as Past Paddock Mike Roth '78 unfolds the honorary ribbet ribbon.

PRIZED JOCKS

Honored Athletic People

The Athletics Awards Banquet, held May 1 in the Wood Center Ballroom, drew a crowd of over 200 athletes, coaches, and fans. Each coach presented awards to West's winners.

Cross-Country Running:
Inspirational-Helen Schruf, Br1an Scarborough
Improved-Calle Gonzales, Jim Jones
Valuable-Micky Schruf, Ian White
Volleyball:
Inspirational-Bernice Burns
Improved-Linda Streit
Valuable-Lori Meier
Gymnastics:
Inspirational-Paige Wallace
Improved-Tammy Matthews
Valuable-Kim O'Brien
Swimming:
Inspirational-Diana Walin
Improved-Carl Benson
Valuable-Laura Klein
Football:
Inspirational-Paul Brown
Improved-Pete Van Flein
Valuable-Dave Lambert
Girls Basketball:
Inspirational-Micky Schruf
Improved-Shelby Hutton
Valuable-Micky Schruf
Boys Basketball:
Inspirational-Andy Holman
Improved-Tyrone Thomas
Valuable-Dave Schram
Cheerleaders:
Inspirational-Heidi Koerfer
Improved-Sue Cole
Valuable-Randi Freeman
Cross-Country Skiing:
Inspirational-Keith Hanneman
Improved-Robert Minoque
Valuable-Ian White
Hockey:
Inspirational-Cal Morton
Improved-Lance Gettle
Valuable-Jack Dunshie
Rifle:
Inspirational-Diane Caldwell
Improved-Janice Trumbull
Valuable-Jennifer Tomany
T. McBurney (Best All- Around)-Diane Caldwell
Wrestling:
Inspirational-Russ Talvi
Improved-Wayne Sharp
Valuable-Ray Wheat
Badminton:
Most Damaging-Micky Schruf
Improved-Jennifer Fate
Valuable-Scot Stamps, Ted Stamps
Mat Maids, Hockey Cheerleaders, and Track and Field team members also were introduced.

The climax of the evening was announcement of West Valley's Athlete of the Year, Micky Schruf.

West's exceptional athlete Micky Schruf receives Regional recognition from Kiwanis members.

Seated at dinner tables, families of athletes observe the evening of awards.

Inspirational and valuable Micky Schruf accepts a basketball honor from Coach Klepper.

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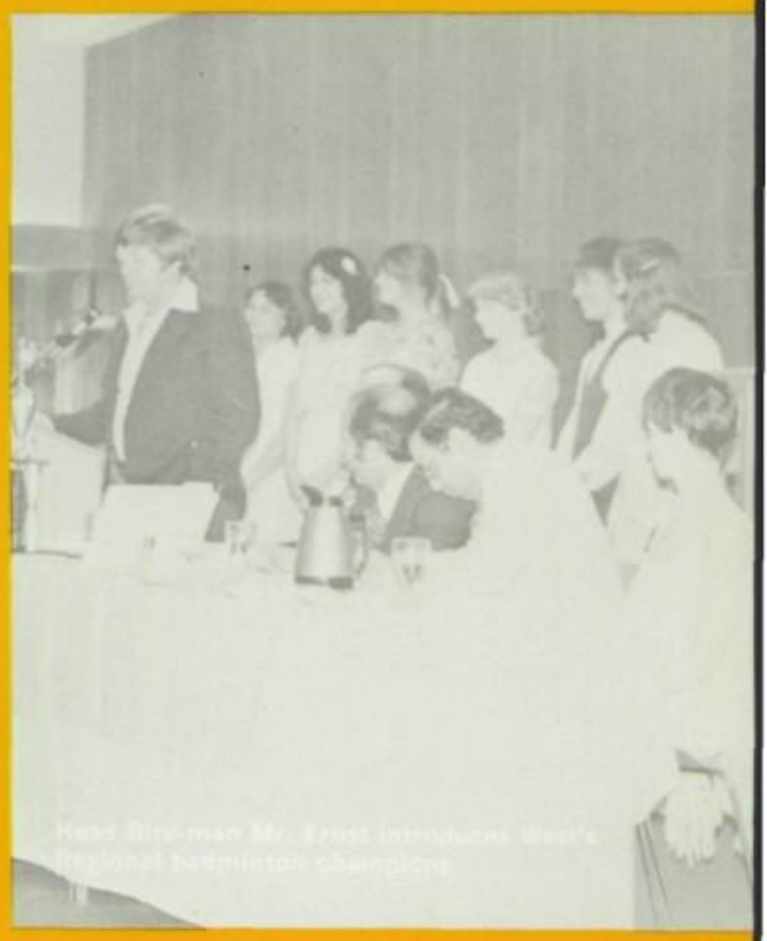
Rifleman Kurtis Cooney receives his Varsity letter from Coach Solis.

Coach House presents embarrassed gymnastics "manager" Russ Talvi with a West team leotard.



Wolf Pack

Track and field participants approach the stage (right) and are landed by Coach Adame (below). Of special note is Ian White's victory in the 2-mile at State May 18-19.

Brawny wrestlers display the handwork of mat-washer Dawn Borjesson.

FRONT ROW: Michael Swan Flodin, Robert D. Andresen, Diane Lee Caldwell, Bryan Taylor Dickerson, Alice Hisamoto, Rosalind E. Johnson, Jennifer Lynn Jordan, Ian Morrison, Mario Roederer, Leslie Irving Rogers, Antoinette Sanchez, Hans J. Stragier, Debra Sue Thies, Sarah Katherine Van Cleve, Daniel Carl Gerdes, Ellen Alison Bell, Julie Ann Burud, Marilyn Childers, Toby Lynn Green, Andrew Holman, Brian Elwood Johnson, Charles Cha-Kwang Koo. SECOND ROW: Renee Lisa Dykema, Sally Aasland, Jeannine Abel, Theresa Accord, Karen Lenore Adkins, Brenda Fay Allen, Darryl Elmer Avara, Lory Ann Barsdate, Dewayne Bates, Richard Furber Best, Mary Jane Bezona, LeeAnn Bignell, James David Blair, Kristen Colleen Lloyd, Mitchell Long, Leslie Diane Monroe, Anne Berry Rowinski, Lenita Sheridan, Sally Anne Sherman, Katherine Frances Neidhold. THIRD ROW: Nicole Bonney, Gilbert Daniel Booth, Stephen Burbeck, Matthew John Burdick, Ernest Burggraf, Rhonda Burks, Bernice Marie Burns, Richard Button, Susan Marie Carboy, Lori Ann Carlson, Lois Ann Carpenter, Patrick Leo Casey, Stephanie Childress, Warren J. Christian, Cynthia Marie Clobes, Kevin Edward Coiley, Tammera Lynn Conover, Art Cook, Michael D. Cooney. FOURTH ROW: Carla Corrigan, Chris Coty, Reuben Cowell, Allen Craig Crow, Mary Jane Dahle, Marlene Davis, Theresa Lysann Dempsey, James Desrochers, Gene Steven Dinkel, Dawn Douglas, Laura Ann Ebenal, Jeffrey Michael Engfer, Osama Elshamma, Gary W. Falls, Jennifer Lee Fate, Marcia Lani Fenton, Leslie Bernice Foltz, Lynda Jean Foster. FIFTH ROW: Katherine Lynn Franz, Kevin Gallagher, Jocelyn Ann Gannon, Melody Garwood, Michael Givens, Patti Jean Gregory, Gerald E. Gleason, Jr., Margery Lynn Goldgehn, Joan Marie Hafele, Steven Hagel, David Hanns, Chris Harding, Gary Dean Haskins, Delbert R. Hayward, Deidre Alida Helfferich, Julia Ann Hendrickson, Catherine Marie Hanzie, Richard Joseph Hicks III, William T. Hidden. SIXTH ROW: Terri Lynn Hudson, John Roy Hupprich, Eric Carl Jeglum, James C. Jones, Judy A. Kahl, Steve G. Kauffman, Deloris Kelly, Joseph A. C. Kennebec, Tammy Koerfer, Hans Kok, Heidi Koppenhaver, Glenda Dawn Kroshus, Albert Lawson, Sandy Lee, Brian Thomas Leschorn, Darryl Gene Lester, Mark Wesley Lewis, Kim Marie Lietzke, Rachel Ann Lindemann, Marilyn Lizotte. SEVENTH ROW: Deborah Merrie Long, Kevin Gene Long, Rose Carol Lowery, Eric John Macchione, Martin Marley, Michael McCotter, Scott Charles McCumby, Kim Ramona McNavish, Dale Michel McRae, Danny Medlin, Thor Kris Melchior, Sandy Lee Miles, Joseph N. Miller, Daniel Keith Moody, David Mueller, Donna Mursch, Corrine Nesting, Barrie Neubacher, Cheryl Jean Nowottnick. EIGHTH ROW: Timothy Wayne Oates, Joni Ann Papp, Timona Peeters, Dana Pelow, Mona Lisa Perdue, Joanne Perkowski, Cynthia A. Pike, Karen Dea Posthumus, Rebecque J. Puzick, Fred Douglas Randolph, William Martin Rawlins, Frank Rhines, Eric A. Rhude, Don Dwight Rice, Ralph Layne Richwine, Bill Anthony Roth, George Clifford Rutt. NINTH ROW: Druska Lesley Salisbury, Roseann Marie Sanoski, Jacqueline Jay Schloesser, Jeffrey Jay Schloesser, Maria Anneliese Schruf, Duron D. Scroggin, Bryan Lee Scott, Samuel Kirkwood Sherman, Deborah Lee Simmons, Christopher John Sims, Ember Rolanda Snyder, Janet Lynn Spencer Smith, Steven James Spencer, J.

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People Of 1979 The Last Is The Best Of The Decade

To the standing ovation of all guests and peers superlative senior Lory Barsdate warmly embraces Mr. Klepper.

Valedictorian Charlie Koo alludes to his now-happy "friend" who learns from the past, revels in the present and dreams of the future.

Scot Stamps, J. Ted Stamps, Rowdy M. Stowell, Linda Sue Strozewski. TENTH ROW: Russell Edward Talvi, Lawrence Tarnowski, Richard Wayne Taylor, Donald R. Theophilus III, Stanley Joseph Thomas, Ted E. Tisdale, Anita J. Tomany, Mary Louise Tony, Albert David Totin, Terry Lee Underwood, Peter Helmut Van Flein, Thomas VanHoomissen, Glen All Vehmeier, Walter Raymond Viereck, Jayne Frances Vignola, Donna Lynn VonderHaar, Robert Walker, Christopher Russell Wallace, James Sau Hoi Wang, Carla J. Warren. ELEVENTH ROW: Kristine J. Washeleski, Phyllis J. Watson, Edward J. Waugaman, Shannon Lynne West, Myron Ray Wheat, David Schroeder Wheeler, Cheryl Wilhelm, Allen Nicholas Williams, Mary Ann Wolf, Rebecca Jeanne Wood, Connie Nabers, Kimberly Ann Fyke, Donald Allen Matthews, Richard Peter Pears, David T. Rosadiuk, Mark Gary McWhirter, Jeffrey Dean Cross. NOT PICTURED: Karl Bruno Baurick, Seth R. Birkholz, David Crawford, Tina Lina Deehr, Thomas Gibson, Scott McHonry, Kelly Trent Paschall, Michelle Piza, Mary Ellen Sackinger, David Raymond Sala, Frank Santora, William Eddie Stevens II, Steve Bluekens.

The emotion-stirring bars of "Pomp and Circumstance" prompted the processional of the Class of 1979. On May 21 at 7:30 PM over 200 graduates-to-be entered a beaut1fully decorated West Valley gymnasium. Senior Class President Renee Dykema welcomed the class and 1700-plus spectators, and Salutatorian Mike Flodin introduced guests from the School Board and Borough administration. The powerful Wolfpack Band presented "Highl1ghts from 'Oliver' ". Class speaker Katie Neidhold uplifted her fellows reminding '79'ers that "... we did it our way!" Valedictorian Charlie Koo urged the class to savor the victories of high school and attack dreams with tenacity.

After acceptance of the class by School Board Vice-President Marguerite Stetson, diplomas and medallions of honor were presented to the seniors. The Concert Choir harmonized in "O Come Let Us Sing" and "Make Tomorrow's Memories Now." Mr. Klepper then presented the Principal's award to Senior of the Year Lory Barsdate. Father McGuigan gave a special benediction, and the Class of 1979 then marched into the world to a rousing rendition of "Gonna Fly Now."

Jubilant '79'ers fling mortarboards as the ceremony concludes.

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'79 FOLLIES

Senior People

Figureheads Mark McWhirter, Kris Lloyd, Micky Schruf and Josh Gannon enjoy a waterfront breeze.

Seniors deck out the Discovery II for a night's follies.

On the lower deck Donny Matthews and Mary Ann Wolf move with the disco crowd.

Countdown to the Big Day is posted on the typing room board.

The Class of '79 celebrated the end of their Senior Year with animation and levity. Super Seniors "strutted their stuff" on shirts, markboards, and anyplace in public view. Class spirits ran high even through an intense final week of exams and windup for graduation. After their last day of school nearly 100 seniors boarded the Discovery II riverboat for the rowdy senior trip. Upperclass people swatted mosquitoes, munched cake and sandwiches, boogied to B&D Disco beats, acknowledged superlatives among their ranks, sniffled at the sentimental slide show, sang old songs and enjoyed the camaraderie of a special evening.

Morning glories Charlie Koo, Mike Flodin, and Hans Stragier recover after a 6 AM NHS football game.

"Super-fine '79" again reigns supreme in spirit cup competition as Leslie Monroe and Julie Burud display the trophy awarded the Senior Class during the May 4 Supplement Assembly.

"And now the end is near . . ." Katie Neidhold serenades Mr. Shellinger over the PA system after an assembly.

Most Flirtatious Senior Guy Toby Green receives his award from Renee Dykema and amplified Leslie Monroe.

Top-flight Seniors contemplate the paddlewheel in the wake of their high school career.

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UP FRONT

Carnival's archrivals Julie Burud and Abbie Johnson share a makeup mirror.

Julie Burud (Lili) and Arun Sharma (Paul) play a tender Carnival scene.

The cast and crew of West's first musical pose for credit.

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Dancing People

JUNIOR PROM ROYALTY: King, Paul Milan; Queen, Donna Neidhold; Princes, Paul Brown, Jack Dunshie, Shane Holmberg; Princesses, Marcie Hassebroek, Randi Freeman, Peggy Williams.

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HAPPY

Totally Silly People

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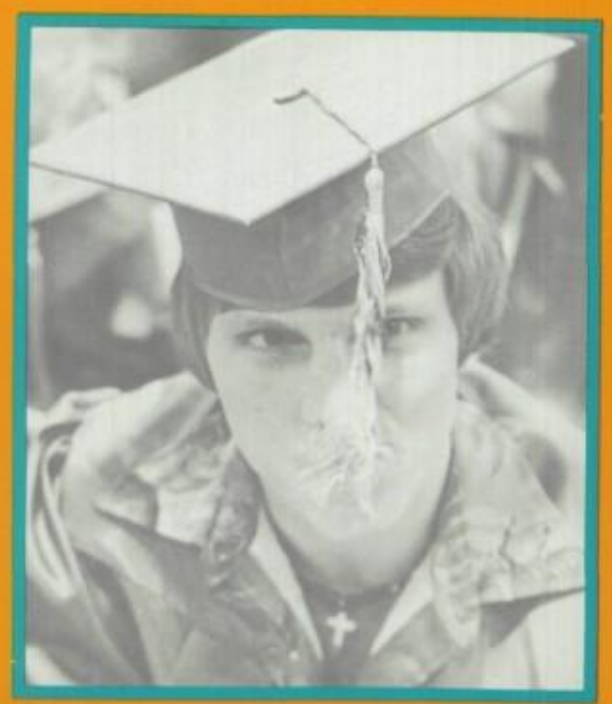
Samuri Senior Jerry Gleason rapiers Eric Rhude.

Relishing an end-of-the-year picnic are Laura Winford, Mike Flodin, Jennifer Fate, hostess Joni Papp, Toni Sanchez and Bristol Weeden.

Dedicated signature-collector Mike Moore acquires Dan Gerdes' "John Hancock."

Double-crosser Andy Holman gives his tassle a twirl.



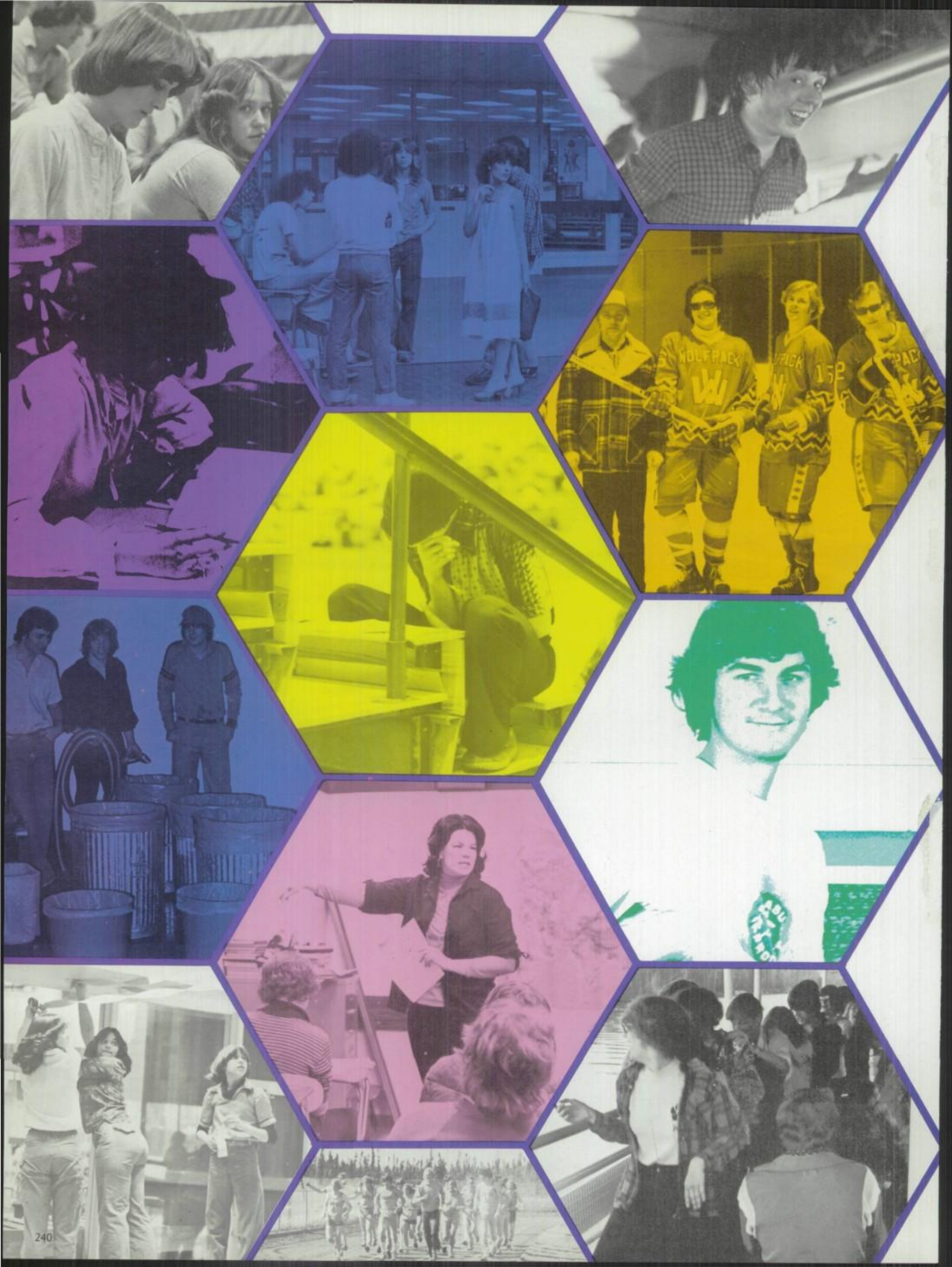
Wolfpack polecats "tear the roof off" on band tour.

Honor student Micky Schruf regresses to an uppy-down disorientation.

Dangerous Dan Rodey poses an offer one can't refuse.

A chattering Mark McWhirter attempts to ward off the spring evening chill.

"Le freak—c'est chic!" expresses Joe Desrochers.



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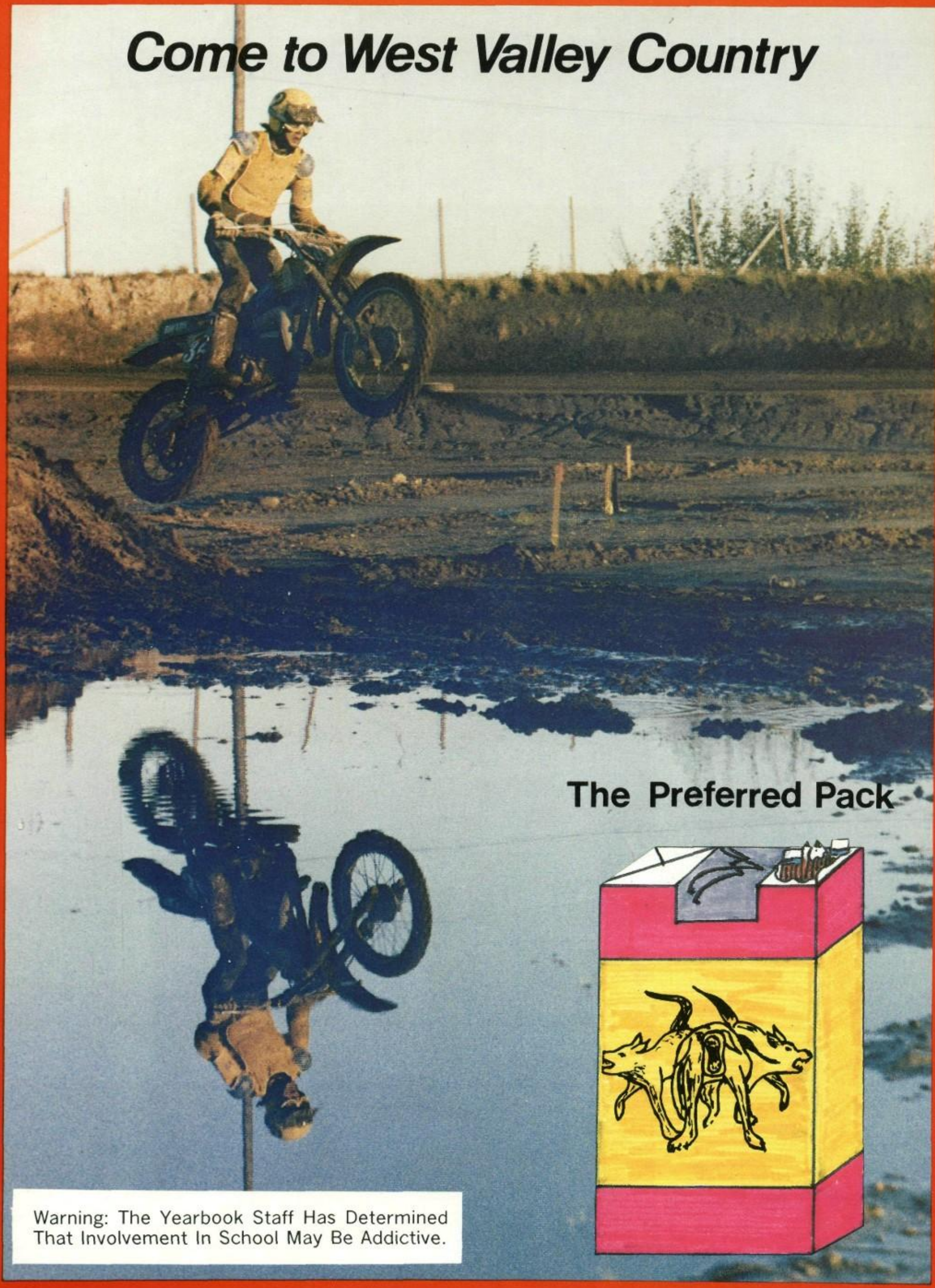

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